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11-year-olds on trial for murder

Child 'kicked and beaten on walk to death'

BY RONALD FAUX

■ At the start of a trial that has attracted international attention, the case was put against the youngest defendants to face a murder charge in Britain this century

LITTLE James Bulger was battered to death with bricks and stones then dumped on a railway line by a pair of ten-year-old truants who had abducted him from his mother and marched him two-and-a-half miles to his fate, a jury was told yesterday.

As a frantic search was being mounted at a Liverpool shopping precinct for the toddler who had left his mother's side for moments, at least 27 people spotted him with his young captors. They saw the crying child being kicked, bearhugged, shaken, dragged and pushed along his two-hour journey to death. Five intervened, but all thought that he was with an elder brother or being looked after, Preston Crown Court heard.

The trauma of James's last hours was described yesterday when two boys, known only as A and B, went on trial for his murder. The two, now aged 11, deny abducting and killing James and attempting to abduct another child on the same day. Yesterday they sat smartly dressed before Mr Justice Morland and a jury of nine men and three women as the case against them was opened.

Richard Henriques, QC, said that the boys had abducted their victim from the Strand precinct in Bootle and walked him two-and-a-half miles to Walton village, "a very long and distressing walk for a two-year-old toddler".

"James was then taken up on to a railway line and subjected by the defendants to prolonged and violent attacks," Mr Henriques said. "Bricks, stones and a piece of metal appear to have been thrown at James on that railway line. He sustained many fractures of the skull and death resulted, in the pathologist's words, from multiple blunt force injuries to the head." His body was then placed on the track and was cut in half by a train before it was discovered two days later.



James Bulger: "subjected by defendants to prolonged and violent attacks"

James, who was two years and eleven months when he died, had been in high spirits as he went out shopping with his mother Denise Bulger and her sister-in-law on February 12. On several occasions he broke away from his mother and ran off; in one shop, a baby suit fell on his head and he started throwing it around; in Tesco's he helped himself to some Smarties. And when Mrs Bulger went to pay for some meat in a butcher's shop, she looked down to find him gone. She panicked and ran out of the shop to look for him, a search captured on the precinct's closed circuit television system. But within minutes, James had left the shopping mall with two boys.

The two had, according to Mr Henriques, been in the precinct for about six hours when they should have been at school. They were seen playing the fool and harassing elderly shoppers. At one stage they apparently attempted another abduction, but the child's mother spotted them.

Once they had lured James away, the boys were seen pulling him along. A taxi driver said one of the boys yanked him up and carried him in a sort of bear hug; another witness described seeing the toddler bawling his head off. They then walked along by the canal, and down another road where they went into two shops where assistants noticed that the toddler had a grazed forehead. Then a 12-year-old boy who knew Child A questioned the group. A told him that James was B's brother. As James began to cry, the 12-year-old told A: "If you don't take him home, I'll batter you." But the two did not take him home. They took him to the railway where, Mr Henriques said, "Between 5.30 and 6.45 pm, James was stoned and beaten to death before being placed across a railway line."

The upper half of his body was surrounded and covered by bricks. A little way away, bloodstained bricks were found on a small platform and there was a trail of blood leading to the body.

Mr Henriques said that bloodstains were found on the defendants' clothes, and those on B's shoes matched James's DNA profile. Both boys' clothing also bore Humbrol paint that matched paint marks on James's face and body; several stones on the railway line were also stained with paint. A bruise on James's face corresponded with the stitching and lacing of A's shoes.

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Artist's view of the trial yesterday at Preston Crown Court, the two defendants seated with social workers and Mr Justice Morland presiding

Constable paintings discovered

BY JOHN SHAW

TWO unknown paintings by John Constable have been discovered by chance after a woman took them in for valuation at Sotheby's in Bond Street.

The owner, who wishes to remain anonymous and whose family live in the painter's heartland, the Dedham Vale area of Essex, thought the studies might be by Constable. The pair belonged to the Clayton family of Essex, and were later given to friends. A Mr Clayton was family solicitor to Isabella Constable, the artist's daughter, whose own collection is now the basis of the Constable holding at the Victoria & Albert Museum in London.

The pictures, which add to knowledge of the artist's development at an important stage in his career, are

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Rifkind wards off Clarke's budget axe

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MALCOLM Rifkind appeared last night to have staved off draconian cuts sought by the Chancellor in the defence budget.

After an intervention yesterday by the prime minister, Downing Street also said that cabinet ministers had all but agreed to Kenneth Clarke's programme to contain spending below £253.6 billion.

The defence secretary is said to have fought off Mr Clarke's attempts to cut frontline troops or equipment with the help of senior backbenchers and the chiefs of defence staff who met John Major last week.

The main sticking point was the Treasury's demand for an £800 million cut in the defence budget in 1996-7, taking it £300 million below the present baseline — a sharp reduction in real terms. Last week, the Treasury scaled its demand back to about £400 million, but Mr Rifkind continued the fight.

Treasury sources were quick to point out last night that some cuts — running into hundreds of millions — are still expected in the defence budget over the next three years. Most will come in the third year. Ministers hope to avert a threatened backbench rebellion, however, by ensuring that the bulk of the cuts are in support services.

Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, is still believed to be at odds with the Chancellor over the size of the compensation package for imposing VAT on fuel. He is pressing for about £700 million over the next three years, but Mr Clarke is looking for a much smaller sum.

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Major promises fresh Ulster initiative

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WATT

JOHN Major yesterday promised fresh proposals to achieve a settlement in Northern Ireland in a move to persuade the Unionists to return to the inter-party talks that broke down a year ago.

Downing Street said the prime minister had a series of "concrete" and "substantive" proposals to put to the parties. Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, said there was a demand from people in Ulster for the politicians to sit down and talk.

Nine people were being questioned last night about Saturday's attack on the Rising Sun pub in Greysteel, co Londonderry, which left seven people dead. The victims will be buried today.

Five people were being treated in hospital and the condition of one woman was critical. Nelly Burns, who regained consciousness yesterday for the first time since the attack, was told her husband, John, had been killed.

Government officials said the constitutional parties would have to agree to resume the "three-strand" constitutional talks before being given full details of Mr Major's latest initiative. The three strands involve talks between the Ulster parties, between London and Belfast, and between London and Dublin. The plans are likely to involve efforts to give more power to Ulster politicians.

During sombre Commons exchanges about the Greysteel massacre, the prime minister invited John Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, to talks at Downing Street, and welcomed the apparent Irish government readiness to consider amending its constitution to renounce its claim on the North. John Smith, the Labour leader, backed Mr Major's call for talks to resume.

Mr Major caused some surprise when he failed to respond directly to Norman Lamont's demand that there should be "no question of an amnesty for terrorists and no question of any negotiations with anyone who has been involved in terrorism in the past". Mr Major replied that there were no political prisoners in the United Kingdom and the question of amnesties did not arise.

Mr Hume said Mr Major had called him courageous and imaginative, but had rejected the proposals he drew up with Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein, before talking to him about them. Mr Major said he had to make a judgment on whether actions would lead to consent across the community.

The prime minister made plain that the option of internment remained open.

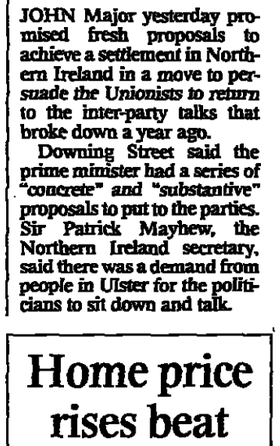
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Home price rises beat inflation

BY RACHEL KELLY
PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

HOUSE prices have risen by 1.7 per cent over the past 12 months, according to new figures from the Nationwide building society. It is the first time prices have risen year-on-year since 1990.

The annual increase is caused in part by rising prices in October, when they were up by 1.5 per cent over September. If present trends continue, house prices could exceed the rate of inflation by some 2 per cent by the end of the year.



John Wriglesworth, housing market analyst at the city brokers UBS, said: "This looks like the end of the worst housing market since the war." He is predicting rises of 7 per cent next year.

Nationwide's operations director Brian Davis said: "the market is less volatile than a year ago, and should strengthen gradually."

CIA accused of halting Aristide's return to Haiti

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

SENIOR members of the Haiti regime blocking the return of Jean-Bertrand Aristide are informants working for the Central Intelligence Agency, according to reports leaked to the American press.

The intelligence agency paid for information from key members of the military regime who overthrew Mr Aristide, according to one newspaper. Another said that the agency had tried to undercut Mr Aristide in an earlier election by paying money to his critics.

The CIA's involvement with the military and political opponents of Mr Aristide could explain why the agency compiled such an unflattering profile of him. This document has been circulated on Capitol Hill, causing much anguish to Mr Aristide's supporters, who include President Clinton.

Yesterday's reports, leaked to *The New York Times* and *Los Angeles Times*, appear to be a classic Washington example of the Aristide camp seeking to redress the damage their cause has suffered. While this battle continues, however, efforts to reinstate Mr Aristide in Haiti remain stalled because the military leaders who promised to allow his return by last Saturday are refusing to comply.

The payments to Haitian generals and politicians were described as part of the CIA's normal intelligence gathering on political events and drug-running. When the CIA tried to funnel money to Mr Aristide's critics in 1987 and 1988 he was not a candidate for president, but he played a prominent role in calling for a boycott of the election, which was widely considered to have been rigged by the military. The CIA was confounded when the Senate Intelligence Committee ordered a halt.

Michael Barnes, a former member of Congress who is a spokesman for Mr Aristide, said: "Given what the CIA has done in the past two weeks, namely the attempted character assassination of Jean-Bertrand Aristide, it would wouldn't be surprising to learn that they had been working with his political enemies in Haiti for many years." A CIA spokesman had no comment.

Washington is at odds over the true nature of Mr Aristide, a fiery, left-wing figure. Is he a saint or sinner? The controversy was fomented by a CIA briefing, requested by a group of senators, which portrayed him as mentally unstable. To try to counter these allegations, Aristide supporters in Washington, depict him as an inspired leader.

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China arms talks

Concerned about deteriorating relations, President Clinton is sending officials to Peking to try to overcome policy disagreements. Charles Freeman, an assistant secretary of defence, arrived yesterday for talks on arms proliferation.

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Cycle of violence sways arguments for internment

By Michael Evans and Richard Ford

TEN days of slaughter in Northern Ireland have failed publicly to shake the establishment consensus opposing the re-introduction of internment.

But the deadly cycle of violence gripping the province and the knowledge that Loyalist and republican paramilitaries have an armoury capable of sustaining a low-level civil war for many years give more credence to arguments for internment to be introduced in the north.

Intelligence profiles of the main IRA and Loyalist terrorists are now so comprehensive that internment of the key figures could be highly effective, a former senior army commander involved in the 1971 internment operation said yesterday.

"At least the security authorities would be seen to be doing something instead of just reacting to terrorist attacks as they occur," the former commander said. Those involved in the debate are agreed that it would transform security and politics in the province but they disagree whether rounding up terrorist suspects would change things for better or worse.

It is common ground that when last used between 1971 and 1975, internment proved a disaster, unleashing a wave of violence upon the province and alienating the nationalist community from Stormont. The initial swoop of Operation Demetrius was only on nationalist areas and poor RUC intelligence meant that 104 of the 350 IRA suspects picked up had been released within two days.

One suspect arrested was blind, another sought had died four years earlier and many were the old republican campaigners from the 1940s and 1950s. Many of the addresses were wrong. No Loyalist terrorist suspects were arrested.

Many leading republicans had already fled before the swoops — designed in the words of Brian Faulkner, then Northern Ireland premier, to smash the IRA — began at 4am. As the army proclaimed the operation a success, Joe Cahill, a leading IRA man, held a press conference in west Belfast. Within hours, street disorder began. In the eight months before internment, 30 people died in Northern Ireland, in the four months afterwards 143 died and there were 729 explosions. The next year 467 people died.

Internationally, Britain's image was damaged. The Irish republic accused Britain of torture and years later the European Court of Human Rights found the UK guilty of inflicting "inhuman and degrading treatment" on a number of internees.

It is the disastrous implementation of the policy in 1971 that still haunts British governments. But those in favour of internment say the security forces have better intelligence, known IRA activists are on file, and that internment could be introduced with a sensitivity and finesse that was absent in 1971. Many people believe that internment could succeed only if it were also introduced south of the border. Previous Irish governments have never hesitated to intern republicans but usually when they perceive them as a threat to their own state.

Although internment would be a political decision, none of the security organisations operating in Northern Ireland, such as the army and MI5, would be expected to advise in favour of interning terrorists unless the Dublin government had agreed to do the same throughout the Republic of Ireland.

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Stunned town salvages hope for the future

By Nicholas Watt, Ireland Correspondent

AN OFF-DUTY nurse who clambered over dead bodies to help victims of the Loyalist gun attack at the weekend said yesterday that her training had never prepared her for such carnage.

Katrina Moore, 25, whose father-in-law, Jim, owns the Rising Sun bar in Greysteel, co. Londonderry, fought back tears as she told of the shootings. Comforted by her husband James, who was due to start work in the bar as the two gunmen opened fire, Mrs Moore said: "It was horrific to watch people die — James's grandfather didn't die immediately. I've maybe seen one person with horrific injuries in my job, but I have never stepped over bodies before. I will never forget that."

Mrs Moore said that most people in the bar had been shot three or four times. "I saw one fellow I knew and his face was unrecognisable. I never expected to see anything so bad and never imagined there would be such carnage. I can remember the smoke and smell of gunfire."

As soon as she entered the bar just after 10pm on Saturday night, Mrs Moore grabbed beer towels and tablecloths, using them as makeshift bandages. On the other side of the bar a second nurse, Jacqueline O'Doherty, 31, whose mother Moira Duddy was killed, also tended to victims. Mrs Moore said: "There were a lot of people who were nearly dead and there was nothing we could do. There were a lot of wounds and I tried my best to supply pressure bandages to stop what bleeding we could.

"It is devastating for the family. The gunmen are so inhuman."

She doubted, however, that the massacre would harm community relations. "It is a predominantly Catholic community, but Protestants have always been welcome. Republican songs are not allowed to be sung in the bar because we don't wish to offend Protestants."

Locals gathered outside the bar yesterday, where flowers had been left in memory of those killed. A candle burnt next to a wreath upon which an unsigned message read: "I am a stranger and a non-Catholic living in this village. No-one has ever shown me anything other than courtesy and friendship. This is a terrible event which, while it may defy understanding, must not be allowed to overcome tolerance and reconciliation."

Chris Duddy, 25, a Catholic whose mother, Moira, was killed in the shooting, said: "It has brought the community together. There were good relations to start with, but I think they will be better now."

TONY WHITE



Karen Taylor, a Sotheby's drawings expert, displaying the newly-discovered Constable watercolours yesterday

Unknown Constable landscapes found

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to be auctioned for an estimated £38,000 in London on November 11.

John Constable RA (1775-1837) is best known for scenes painted virtually on his Suffolk doorstep. The new watercolours, which are 7½in by 12in, modestly mounted and framed, show landscapes painted in 1805.

One depicts a ploughman at work in the fields near East Bergholt, overlooking the Stour estuary, and is estimated at £15,000-£20,000; the other depicts Dedham Vale seen from a bend in the lane between East Bergholt and Flatford, and is expected to make £12,000-£18,000. Between the trees on the left is the tower of Dedham church.

Karen Taylor, a Sotheby's drawings expert, was called to look at the pictures, which arrived in a shopping bag. "They were unwrapped, and I found myself looking at two completely unknown watercolours by Constable," she said. "I was so excited. Most works by him are now well recorded, but there is always that chance there may be some still lying or hanging somewhere undetected.

"They are in the most gorgeous condition, really fresh. It never ceases to amaze me, when we see hundreds of pictures every year, just how many new things turn up."

Henry Wemyss, a director of the paintings and drawings department, said the paintings were a very rare type of Constable, painted between 1805 and 1806.

□ As befits one of England's most popular artists, many of Constable's works are already in public collections (Richard Cork, chief art critic, writes). A healthy number of his grandest oil paintings are divided between the National Gallery and the Tate, while the Victoria & Albert Museum has a collection of his smaller, and in many ways most appealing, works. So it is always an event when hitherto unknown images come to light. Perhaps the very modesty of these two watercolours prevented their owners from treating them with the seriousness they deserve.

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MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

No takers in the House for Major's EC holiday snaps

All morning yesterday, the screens at Westminster said there was to be a statement by the PM on the European summit. Mr Major was home from Belgium. This was advertised as the focus of the afternoon.

Yet when Major spoke, nobody seemed interested. Most of the questions and all the interest centred on his private talks in Brussels with his Irish counterpart, Albert Reynolds. MP after MP rose, impatient to probe the significance. Didn't anyone want to hear from Mr Major about Europe? It was like returning from abroad with holiday snaps, to find that no-one wanted to see them. Failure to attract the European monetary institute to London was dismissed with a shrug, a sneer from John Smith, and no political damage.

At one point, well into the afternoon, Sir Teddy Taylor (C, Southend E), a fiery and eloquent Euro-rebel, rose with a question about the cost of the new European institutions. In the past, a hostile question from this backbencher to the prime minister would have brought an immediate hush.

Yesterday, even as Sir Teddy spoke, you could feel the interest evaporating. MPs began fidgeting, chatting among themselves. Not the EC *again*! Can't he think of anything else to ask?

Suddenly, Europe is passé. You come back to Westminster after a weekend in the country — a week after which the Maastricht Treaty comes into force, but nothing else, as far as you know, has happened to affect the argument — and few are interested any more. The debate has not changed, but its audience has wandered away. Why? Nobody knows. When did the argument become passé? Nobody has the least idea. How does everyone know it is passé? Nobody can tell. All we know is that collectively, viscerally, every MP in the House could sense that "Europe" has gone off the boil.

And since a spreading belief that an issue is off the boil acts in itself to turn down the heat, the belief becomes self-justifying. Like movements in the stock market, nobody knows what triggers the movement of political fashion. It just seems to happen when people are ready.

This was the problem the Euro-sceptics encountered during the passage of the Single European Act. Nobody else, including Baroness Thatcher, could summon up much interest. We understood their case and we saw its force, but, well ... so what? If, six months ago, during a statement about Europe, Ian Paisley had risen to explain his worries about security in Northern Ireland, MPs would have muttered irritably about his obsessive interest in the subject. Yesterday, Paisley was listened to carefully. Six months ago, if the leader of the SDLP, John Hume, had risen to question the PM on the prospects for agreement, he would have been listened to with respect but scant interest. Yesterday you could have heard a pin drop.

Have events in Ireland been so compelling as to force attention away from Europe? Is it the killings which have seized our interest? Or have MPs become so bored with Europe that any issue of any immediacy can capture their attention?

Perhaps both. Grisly though this may sound, interest in Ireland yesterday was the sign of a return to a sort of normality. The European fever has passed; an appetite for the old fare has returned. Northern Ireland's MPs know the flip side. They are only one dish on an *à la carte* menu. Interest in them will be dropped as summarily as, yesterday, MPs lost their appetite for Europe.

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Jail camp warders to be hired

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

THE prison service is to recruit staff to run army camps being prepared to ease overcrowded jails.

Disused military camps in the North West and the Midlands have been earmarked to hold inmates from the new year. Yesterday Derek Lewis, the director-general of the prison service, gave a warning of unacceptable risks if more and more people were jailed.

The service, faced with a rising prison population in England and Wales that threatens to undermine the programme of refurbishing Victorian jails, is also considering hiring a floating barge to hold prisoners.

Other measures to cope with overcrowding include bringing Oxford jail back into use and postponing the closure of Lancaster prison. At least two more prisons may be reopened to help cope with an inmate population rising by 250 a week. The number held in 133 jails reached 47,258 last Friday, almost 1,000 more than the offical capacity of 46,289.

Mr Lewis said at the prison service conference in Blackpool that recent riots at Wymott and Haverigg prisons had given "a clear indication that there are limits to how far or fast we can push the service without incurring unacceptable risks".

CPS vows support for Mills

By Frances Gibb
Legal Correspondent

AN unprecedented declaration of support for Barbara Mills QC, the director of public prosecutions, has been made by the 13 chief crown prosecutors who head the regional areas of the Crown Prosecution Service.

They have contacted *The Times*, noting "with dismay" the "recent spate of ill-informed, and at times highly personal attacks" on Mrs Mills and questioning whether "some of the more personal comments ... would have been made had the director not been a woman".

The 13 men said they wanted to place on record their "total, unqualified support" for Mrs Mills as head of the CPS and the fact that they appreciate "the courage, determination and leadership" she has shown during the recent reorganisation, which they fully support.

Solidarity also came yesterday from the union representing the 2,000 CPS lawyers, the First Division Association. Elizabeth Symons, the general secretary, said: "Some of the comments that have been made in the press are just plain personal remarks to do with her being a woman, that a man would not have to tolerate, such as the fact that her hands are well-manicured and that she wears red nail varnish."

Child support change

By Edward Gorman

THE government yesterday announced a change in the way the Child Support Agency will take on new cases, but gave no hint of a more substantive revision of the legislation.

Alistair Burt, a junior social security minister, made the announcement in a Commons written reply on the eve of the appearance today of Ros Hepplewhite, the agency's chief executive, before the social security select committee.

The committee is conducting an enquiry into the activities of the agency in response to a growing clamour among absent parents for reform of the way new maintenance bills are calculated.

The main effect of the change is to give the agency more flexibility in taking on cases of mothers on benefit who are not receiving maintenance but who may not have been assessed by the new body for another three years.

However, a Child Support Agency spokeswoman underlined the fact that Mr Burt's announcement should not be seen as presaging further changes.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Police arrest 70 in burglaries purge

Police arrested more than 70 people and recovered stolen property worth thousands of pounds in nationwide dawn raids yesterday. More than 250 officers were involved in Operation Claw in response to the increasing number of house burglaries in rural Warwickshire by criminals from cities and towns. Police raided more than 50 addresses in Leicestershire, Merseyside, Kent and Warwickshire to arrest suspected burglars.

Killer boy detained

A 13-year-old boy who stabbed a pensioner to death and bashed and imprisoned another man in Clapham, south London, was detained for four years in a special school by the Old Bailey yesterday. The boy pleaded guilty to the manslaughter of Victor Hewitt, 66, and admitted unlawfully imprisoning and wounding Michael Patch, 39.

Army mother wins case

A married corporal in the Royal Corps of Signals dismissed after becoming pregnant accepted £17,000 out-of-court compensation from the defence ministry yesterday. Kim Castledine, 26, from North Shields, won her job back when the law changed to let mothers serve in the forces and claimed for earnings lost in the intervening two years.

Jail term increased

William Tovey, 52, of Pontypridd, Mid Glamorgan, an Age Concern worker who attempted to rape a 79-year-old he had been assigned to help, had a five-year jail sentence increased to seven years yesterday. The appeal court, headed by the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, ruled that the original sentence was unduly lenient.

Boy George 'not father'



Boy George, the former lead singer of pop group Culture Club, yesterday agreed to a blood test if it would help disprove an American woman's claim that he is the father of her seven-year-old child. Speaking outside the Inner London family proceedings court, George, left, said it would be a "miracle" if the child was his. "My last relations with females were at school," he said. The hearing was adjourned.

Girl's killer sought

Police were last night hunting the killer of a teenage girl abducted less than 200 yards from her own front door in a quiet West Yorkshire village. The body of Julia Baines, 18, was found on waste land four miles from her home at Crofton, near Wakefield. She had been beaten and sexually assaulted before being strangled. Miss Baines, who lived at home with her parents, was last seen walking home early on Saturday after a night out with a companion in Wakefield.

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Three horrific hours that ended James Bulger's life

'Time and again witnesses saw a child in distress'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

JAMES Bulger was in high spirits on the day he went to the Strand shopping precinct in Bootle, Liverpool, with his mother, Denise. Richard Henriques QC, for the prosecution, told a jury at Preston Crown Court.

"They visited various shops. On several occasions James broke free from his mother and ran off." In one shop a baby suit fell on his head and he started throwing it about. In Tesco he helped himself to some Smarties.

At 3.40pm Mrs Bulger and Nicola Bailey, her sister-in-law, went into A.R. Tyms butchery. Mrs Bulger believed James, 2, was at her side as she was served. "But she looked down and he was gone." Mr Henriques said.

Mr Henriques said a woman had seen the boy on his own, skipping. She suddenly noticed two lads walking towards a shop apparently calling the boy towards them. "He skipped and ran towards them and she thought, 'Oh, he must be with them'."

Another woman saw a boy aged about 12 holding the hand of a small boy aged two or three. She noticed the small boy was tidy and clean while the older boy was untidy and dirty. They left the Strand shopping precinct on a two and a half mile walk during which there were 27 sightings of James with two boys.

Mr Henriques said: "You will hear time and again of witnesses seeing a little child clearly very distressed but each appeared to have taken the same view, the little child must have been with an older brother or brothers."

In Oxford Road, a woman of 19 saw a young child between two young boys, each holding one of his hands. Mr Henriques said: "You may wonder why we go through this journey in such detail. One of the matters the prosecution seek to prove is that this whole thing was a joint enterprise from beginning to end. You will see time and again how each boy has hold of one hand. Each plays a significant part."

A housewife saw two boys aged between 10 and 13 with a toddler. They each had hold of one of the child's hands and they seemed to be helping him up the steep incline to Breeze Hill reservoir. At the top a woman with a dog confronted them. She was seen to be pointing but the boys seemed to go in a different direction.

She observed the toddler was sobbing and asked what was going on. Mr Henriques said. One of the boys said they had just found the toddler at the bottom of the embankment. She saw he had two bumps on his head, one on the right side of the forehead and one on top of his head.

She asked both boys if they knew the toddler and they said they did not. She told them they should get treatment for his injury and they both said they would take him to the police station. They were seen later on steps overlooking Breeze Hill, with the younger boy then laughing.

In Church Street West a 12-year-old boy who knew Child A saw him with another lad. With them was a small boy with a bump over his left eye, Mr Henriques said. The 12-year-old had asked Child A what had happened and was told: "He fell over at the top."

The witness asked who the child was and Child A, in Child B's presence, said: "His brother" — referring to boy B. The witness asked James if he was all right and James just turned away and started to cry. The witness asked whether they were taking him home and told Child A: "If you don't take him home, I'll batter you."

A 14-year-old girl saw them near a railway bridge, with one of the youths pushing a small child into the road. The child was laughing but when the youths saw the girl and her father approaching they went into the road and grabbed hold of the child, pulling him back. One boy then ran straight up the embankment leading to the railway line and the other youth followed carrying the small boy, who was laughing.

"That may well be the last time anyone other than the two defendants saw James alive," Mr Henriques said. An hour and a quarter later, at about 6.45pm, a taxi driver near by in Cherry Lane saw two youths on the railway embankment, although he did not purport to identify them.

"It was accordingly between 5.30pm and 6.45pm that James was stoned and beaten to death before being placed across a railway line," Mr Henriques said.

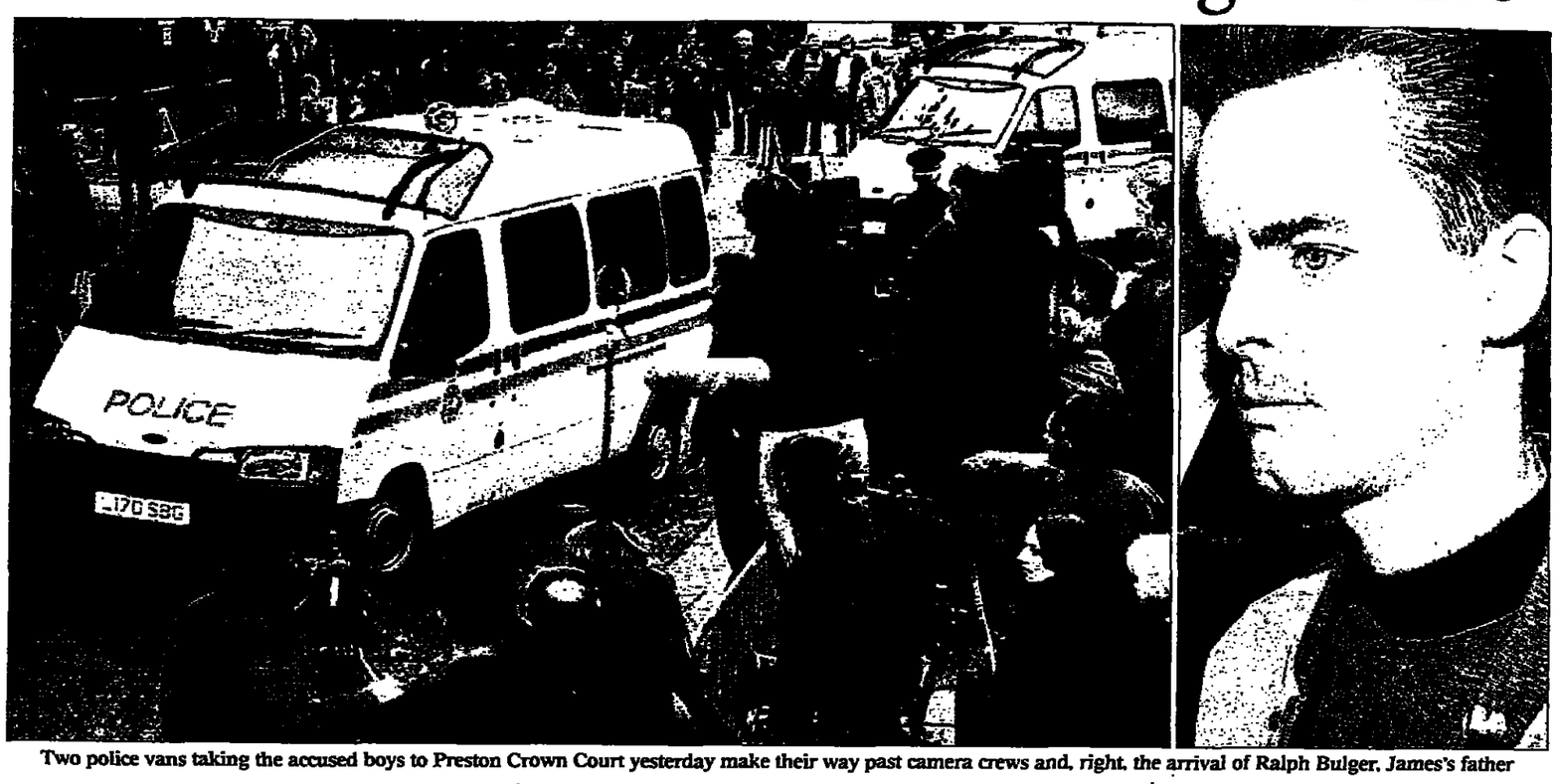
"The prosecution contend that they did this all together — the taking in the precinct, the journey across Liverpool, the taking on to the railway line, the causing of death and together they left James on the line. They were seen together afterwards in one another's company," he said. James's body lay severed on the track until 3.00pm on Sunday, February 14, Mr Henriques said, "that is, for almost two days".

In the meantime boy B's mother had gone to Walton Lane police station to report him missing. Continuing her search, she went to a video shop in Walton Village where the two defendants had gone. Mrs B got hold of her son and said she was taking him to the police for "sagging school", together with his companion. Mr Henriques said that by this time boy A, who earlier had dirt on his face and fingernails and a blood print as if from a scratch on his face, had cleaned himself up.

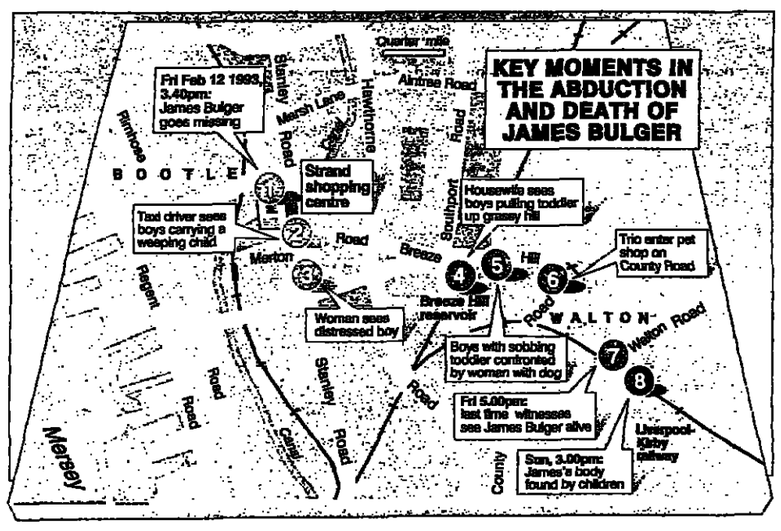
Fifteen minutes later Mrs A went into the shop wanting to know whether her son had been assaulted by the woman who took him out — Mrs B. "The reason was boy A had been blaming Mrs B for his injuries," Mr Henriques said.

By now both defendants had become reunited with their mothers, while a "frantic and massive search" of Liverpool was taking place for James.

Boys in court, page 1



Two police vans taking the accused boys to Preston Crown Court yesterday make their way past camera crews and, right, the arrival of Ralph Bulger, James's father



Mother 'foiled earlier kidnap bid'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

CHARGE NO. 2: ATTEMPTED ABDUCTION

AS WELL as the allegation that the two boys abducted and murdered James Bulger, they face a charge that they intended to abduct another two-year-old, which they deny.

The judge has ordered that the second two-year-old should be referred to as Z. Richard Henriques, for the prosecution, said that Z was in the same shopping precinct three hours earlier. "That attempt failed because Z's mother saw one of the defendants beckoning Z with his hand for him to follow him. She called out to Z, thus preventing any abduction," he said.

Mrs Z arrived in the precinct about noon with Z and her three-year-old daughter. At one store she saw two boys who appeared to be playing with her children. She carried on looking at sweatshirts and her daughter came back without Z.

Mrs Z could see her son about ten yards ahead of her and a further ten yards ahead were the boys she had seen. One was beckoning to Z and Z started going towards them. Mrs Z shouted to her son and the boys said: "Go back to your mum." Mr Henriques told the jury that one of the boys on trial, Child A, was wearing a black jacket with a small amount of blue, and black trousers. Child B, who is two inches taller than A, was wearing a beige jacket and black trousers.

The first sighting of them in the precinct was at 9.45am, where they were seen in a shop looking at ugly dolls known as trolls. A shop assistant asked which school they went to. One of the boys gave the name of a school and the other elbowed him in the ribs. The attempted abduction of Z followed.

At 1pm the boys were seen in the Bradford and Bingley Building Society. They were asked to leave. About half an hour later they were in nearby Stanley Road. Child A approached the manager of the building society and asked for 20p. The manager refused. Mr Henriques said that both boys were filmed on video in the building society. Child B's fingerprints were found on the window.

At 1.40pm they were seen again in the precinct's main square by a woman. "They were seen to be shouting and acting stupidly and opening and closing a fire hydrant door," said Mr Henriques. "They were laughing and shouting."

This attracted the woman's four-year-old son to go over and ask them what they were doing. The woman's elder child called the four-year-old and he came back.

The two boys walked across the precinct square. There was a display of books, literature and tapes outside the main entrance of TJ Hughes. One of the boys picked up a book from the table. Mr Henriques said: "Both defendants started to give cheek to an elderly lady at the stall by prodding and poking her. She told them in no uncertain terms to go away. She swung at them with a bag she was carrying. They didn't go away but messed about fooling with each other within the precinct."

The two boys were then seen running out of the store called Toymaster. Child A was carrying his jacket over his arm. About this time a woman saw what she described as "a couple of cheeky lads" who appeared to have kicked a small tin of oil paint along the floor of the precinct.

This was the sort of paint used for toy soldiers, of which Toymaster sold a range. Mr Henriques said the Humbrol enamel paint had "a real significance". Paint was found upon their clothing as well as James. "When analysed by chemists, that paint was shown to match."

At 3.30pm a woman saw that a small tin of paint had been dropped by one of the boys near a butcher's shop window. The paint had spilt on the floor. The woman subsequently identified Child A at an identification parade. She saw him pick up the paint and drop it back on the floor, and saw he had some paint on his hands.

Glassy and expressionless, the boys squirmed and stared at the ceiling

Alan Hamilton wonders how much is understood by the two youngest defendants in a murder case this century

Nothing in their previous lives can have prepared the two 11-year-old boys for the experience of sitting in the dock at Preston Crown Court yesterday, surrounded by the full grandeur, majesty and, to a child, the mystery of English criminal law in action.

If so young a child were to have tasted such an atmosphere, it might have been in the assembly hall of one of our more ancient public schools: indeed Mr Justice Morland has the appearance of a stern, bespectacled mathematics master within sight of retirement. But Child A and Child B, as we must call them, accused of the abduction and murder of two-year-old James Bulger, are from a background in which such privilege is about as near as the next planet.

Shortly before 9.30 on a grey Lancashire morning, two white police vans, their side and rear windows thoroughly screened, and with a police motorcycle escort, drove slowly into the rear entrance of the imposing court building. The trial was moved from Liverpool to the relative safety of Preston, in the hope of avoiding crowds on the pavement baying for revenge. Yesterday's doorstep crowd was composed chiefly of the media.

Court number one is a High Edwardian temple of justice dating from the opulent days of 1904. Rich green tiles cover its lower walls, surmounted by high oak panelling decorated with swags of wood carving. Plain chandeliers hang from a high ceiling which ends in a stained glass cupola. The bench, stretching the full width of the room, is so situated that the judge sits directly facing the dock in the middle of the court.

Because of the youth of the two defendants, a platform has been built in the dock to raise their heads above the level of its enclosing wall. Four plain grey chairs have been placed in a neat row at the front of the dock.

At 10am, Mr Justice Morland, bare-headed and without robes appeared on the bench to brief the press. For the particular benefit of the foreign journalists present, he explained some peculiarities of English criminal law, and issued an order forbidding any reporting which might in any way identify the defendants or any child witness.

The number of reporters wishing to cover the case is so great that an overflow room with sound link has been set up in an adjoining office block. In the court room itself, 34 seats have been allocated to the press and 48 to the public in the gallery. On the first day, most of the public seats appeared to be occupied by journalists.

When Mr Justice Morland returned to court fully wigged and scarlet-robed after a brief adjournment, the atmosphere was suddenly charged. The ornate clock on the back wall showed 10.40 when the judge sat down. "Let the defendants be brought up," he boomed.

First up the 24 steps from the cells there emerged Child B, accompanied by police and social workers, quickly followed by Child A. They filed into the four seats, a boy at each end separated by two male social workers.

The boys wore identical charcoal grey jackets and dark ties. Their similar light brown hair was cut short; their eyes appeared dark and deep-sunk. They sat motionless at first. The social workers occasionally turned to them and spoke briefly, as though in explanation.

The boys offered no hint of expression as the clerk of the court read out the charges: the abduction and murder of James Bulger, and the attempted abduction of another child, referred to as Child Z, on the same day. The clerk informed the jury that both boys pleaded not guilty to all the charges.

After the empannelling of the jury, the court adjourned again. When it resumed, without the jury, to hear a number of legal submissions on technical points, the boys were led back into the dock. The seating order had changed: now boys and social workers sat alternately in the four seats.

In the deep valley of the court between defendants and judge, the three leading counsel made their submissions: David Turner, QC, for Child A, Brian Walsh, QC, for Child B, and Richard Henriques, QC, for the Crown.

To the right of the dock and immediately beside it, in the seats behind the last row of lawyers, sat the parents of Child B, he in a grey suit, she in black, their faces pale and fixed. They were close enough to talk to their son, and even to touch him, but they did not even look at him, nor he at them. They sat exchanged an occasional word between themselves.

On the other side of the court, seats had been reserved for James Bulger's parents. His father, Ralph, was seen to make a brief appearance, but his mother Denise, who is heavily pregnant, was not at the opening session and is not expected to attend.

As the legal argument dragged on, the two young defendants began occasionally to fidget, squirm and stare at the ceiling. When the horrific details of the allegations with which they are charged began to emerge, Child B appeared to become distressed and clung to the arm of his social worker while Child A continued to stare blankly.

They had previously been brought to visit the empty court house to familiarise them with procedure, but it was impossible to judge from their glassy, expressionless faces how much they really understood of what was going on around them.

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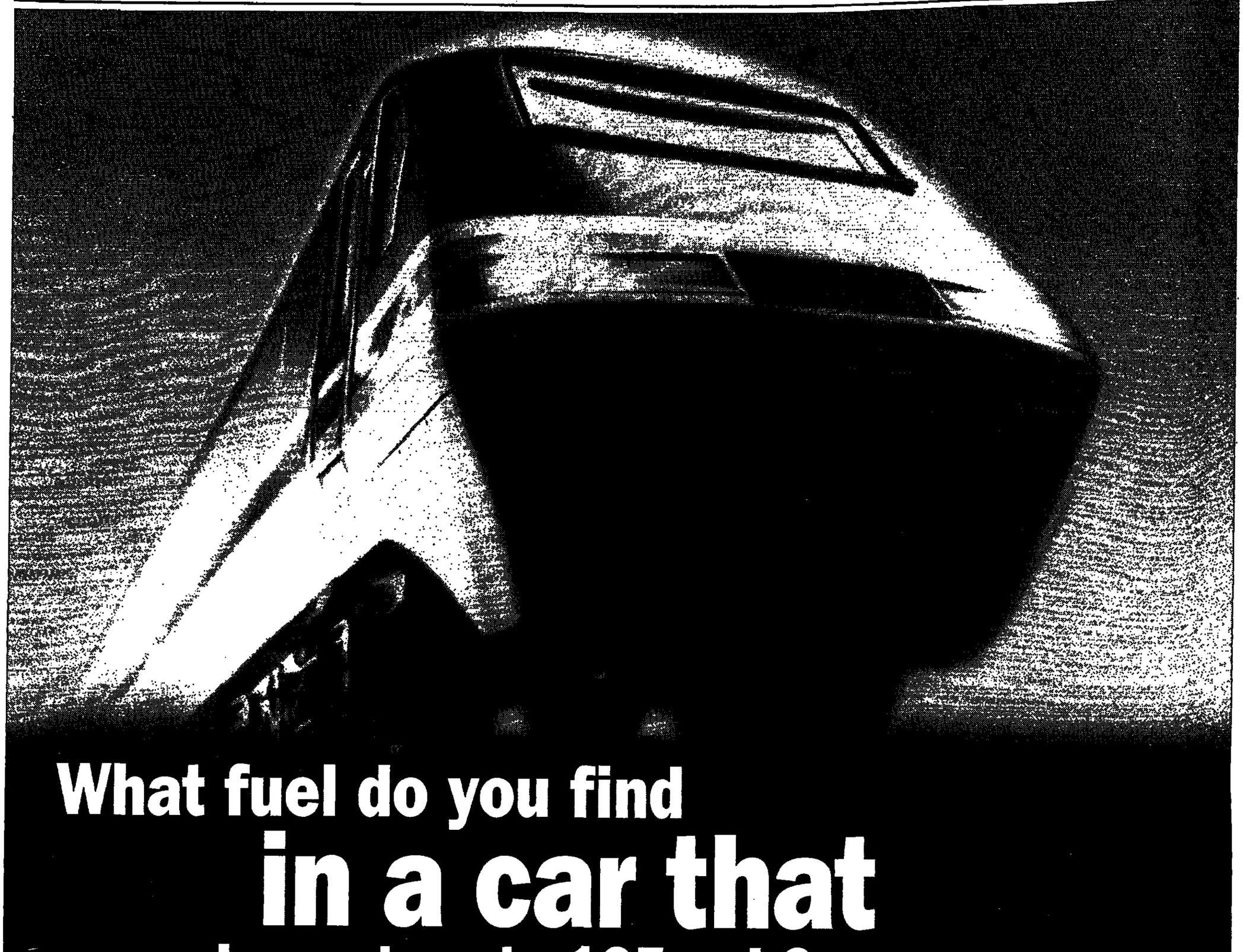
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Elton John pursues damages for report of 'bizarre' diet

BY RICHARD DUCE

ELTON John, the rock singer and songwriter, yesterday told a High Court libel jury of his 16-year battle to beat addictions to drugs, alcohol and food. He also spoke of his anger when told by his mother during a telephone call of an article in the *Sunday Mirror* newspaper which claimed that he was addicted to a "bizarre" diet.

John, 46, said that he had been through "hell" before being cured of bulimia nervosa and addictions to drink and drugs.

Yet, in December 1992, the *Sunday Mirror* published a front-page article, headlined "Elton's Diet of Death", in which it was claimed that the musician was seen to chew food and then spit it out at a Hollywood party. John allegedly said it was a way of keeping his weight down.

Mirror Group Newspapers, publisher of the *Sunday Mirror*, has since accepted that the article was untrue and has offered the singer a published apology and damages payable to charity. However, John does not accept that the mistake in placing him erroneously at a Hollywood Christmas party was made in good faith.

As well as suing for libel damages John, who has homes in Windsor, London and America, wants the jury to award exemplary damages against the newspaper for its recklessness in failing to check its facts.

The court heard that John was on the other side of America, at his home in Atlanta, Georgia, at the time he was reported to have been at the party.

The singer, who gave his name in court as Elton Hercules John, told the jury that he had been "incensed, absolutely outraged" by the article, written by a freelance journalist based in Los Angeles.

> **'The most difficult thing in my life was to admit that I had a problem with food, drugs and alcohol'**

"The single most worthwhile thing done in my life, and the most difficult ... was to admit that I had a problem with food, drugs and alcohol and to begin the recovery process to get back my self esteem and pride," said John. He hoped that earlier public admissions of his problems would encourage other people to seek help.

The article in the *Sunday Mirror* "trounced him to the floor", by suggesting he had relapsed into his former bulimic habits, which involved gorging on food and then purging himself.

George Carman QC, representing John, had earlier asked the jury how they would feel if they had overcome an addiction that was destroying their lives, and held themselves up as an example, only to be "knocked by an article that was saying you are a hypocrite, failure, sham and on the road to death".

John said he went into a hospital in Chicago in 1990 to cure himself of his addictions. He later joined Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Overeaters Anonymous and Bulimics Anonymous. He said that he took a year off work to concentrate on his recovery and during that time attended hundreds of meetings with other people trying to cure their addictions.

John, who has sold 100 million records during his 25-year career, said that his mother had called him in Atlanta when she read the *Sunday Mirror* article.

"My mother was concerned and very upset. She was also proud that I'd given up," he said. "I feel so strongly about this I want my name cleared."

The case continues.



Elton John leaves court after the start of his libel action against the *Sunday Mirror*

Student cleared of raping girl in college room

BY BILL FROST AND LIN JENKINS

A COLLEGE student was cleared at Norwich Crown Court yesterday of raping a girl who stripped naked and performed sexual acts in his room.

Matthew Kydd, 21, said afterwards in a statement read by Trevor Beckford, his solicitor: "He does not think it should ever have come this far, but at least it has given him the chance of proving his innocence."

The jury took 35 minutes to reach their verdict and clear Mr Kydd, of Read, Lancashire, of raping the 18-year-old fellow student. The court had heard that Mr Kydd accepted her invitation to go to her room for coffee, where they kissed and cuddled. After he returned to his room she followed and performed various sexual acts. She admitted to the court that she stripped willingly and consented to some activity while saying no to full intercourse.

The court was told the girl had been nominated for the jocular title "slut of the year" by students at a ball at Norwich City College.

In his summing up, Judge Michael Hyam said: "Experience has shown that complainants make up such allegations for various reasons and sometimes for no reason at all. The girl was quite disturbed and craved affection and was quite able on occasions when it suited her to tell untruths and deceive herself.

"It could well be said that the young woman ... had convinced herself that she had been raped. It seemed that her notion of developing a friendship was the reverse of what is normally done. With her it was a sexual relationship first in order to become friendly."

He said that to find Mr Kydd guilty the prosecution had to prove that the woman did not consent at the time sex took place. "The defence is that the whole manner of her conduct from beginning to end was that she was consenting."

David Ingham, acting principal of the City College, said yesterday that both Mr Kidd and Miss X had quit their studies. "Both are free to continue them now should they want to."



Kydd: has quit his studies at Norwich

Prince's model village starts to rise

BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

WORK has begun on the Prince of Wales's model village of Poundbury on the outskirts of Dorchester, four and a half years after plans were first unveiled and a week after he again damned modern tower blocks.

The prince today visits a conservation exhibition in the Poundbury centre and tours the 400-acre site, where local builders C.G. Fry & Sons have begun preparing the land for the village's first 61 homes.

The village will have homes covering a wide range, taking care to cater for the needs of local young families, with provision for shops, community facilities and workplaces. Flanking narrow, winding streets, the houses have cottage-style windows and are made of traditional materials. Slate and pantiles give variety to roofs. A Poundbury Building Design Code ensures that no more than four houses are the same.

In the words of the prince, the scheme is intended to tackle the problem of "how to build in our countryside without spoiling it".

Building work has been delayed by the property slump, according to the London-based structural engineer Alan Baxter and Associates, which is in overall charge of the project. The original plans were conceived at the height of the property boom by the architect and urban planner Leon Krier, who was commissioned in 1988, but have been delayed by the search for finance. It is a project close to the prince's heart and he has been concerned with the minutest details. He has already vetoed some bricks for being too uniform and has been fascinated by the choice of lampposts for the area.

About 2,500 homes are projected for the site over the next 25 years. The first 61, to be completed by next July, will include 35 houses and flats to be let by the Guinness Trust housing association, while the other 26 homes will be sold by the builder at between £70,000 and £150,000, depending on the market at the time. More than 700 people are already on a waiting list.

Four local architects have each produced plans for a set of houses designed to face green squares and ensure a mix of socio-economic groups.

Three arrested over Bronze Age find

BY JOHN YOUNG

A FIVE-YEAR undercover investigation instigated by the British Museum into the theft of Bronze Age artifacts from a site near Stonehenge, Wiltshire, has finally led to the arrests of three men.

The 1,500 items, collectively valued at an estimated £50,000, are believed to have been dug up from a field in 1985 without the landowner's knowledge.

They range in date from 4000 to 200 BC, and include axeheads, chisels, razors, miniature shields and pots, thought to have been discovered with metal detectors. The arrests were the result of a joint operation by the Metropolitan police arts and antiques squad, Holborn CID, Wiltshire police and the museum.

The museum said yesterday that much of the information uncovered in collaboration with police had deliberately been kept secret until last week.

Scotland Yard confirmed yesterday that two unnamed men, both in their 40s and unemployed, had been arrested in the Salisbury area last Friday, one after a meeting had been arranged at a pub.

Another man, also unnamed, had been arrested in Lincolnshire on October 22 in connection with handling the stolen items.

All three have been released on bail without charge to return to Holborn police station on February 9 next year for further questioning.

Archaeologists believe the haul, possibly the largest and most important collection of prehistoric metalwork yet unearthed in Britain, might have been buried by druids at the site of a temple.

Some of the items have since found their way on to the antiques market and others were sold to collectors, including the British Museum, for £15,000. One of the arrested men is reported to have guided police and archaeologists to the site of the find, eight miles south of Stonehenge, where excavations are now taking place. It is hoped they will uncover the remains of the temple.

Peter Saunders, curator of Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum, said yesterday: "Rumours about a large find have been circulating for a long time, and I've never known quite what to believe."

The British Museum said that the hoard was of international importance and could cast new light on prehistoric Britain.

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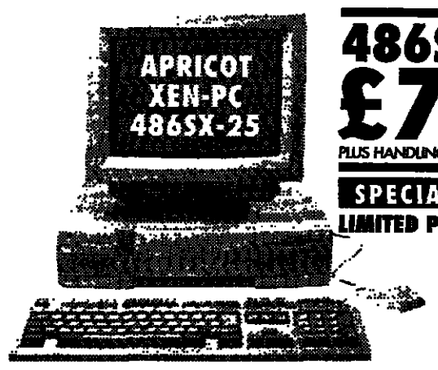
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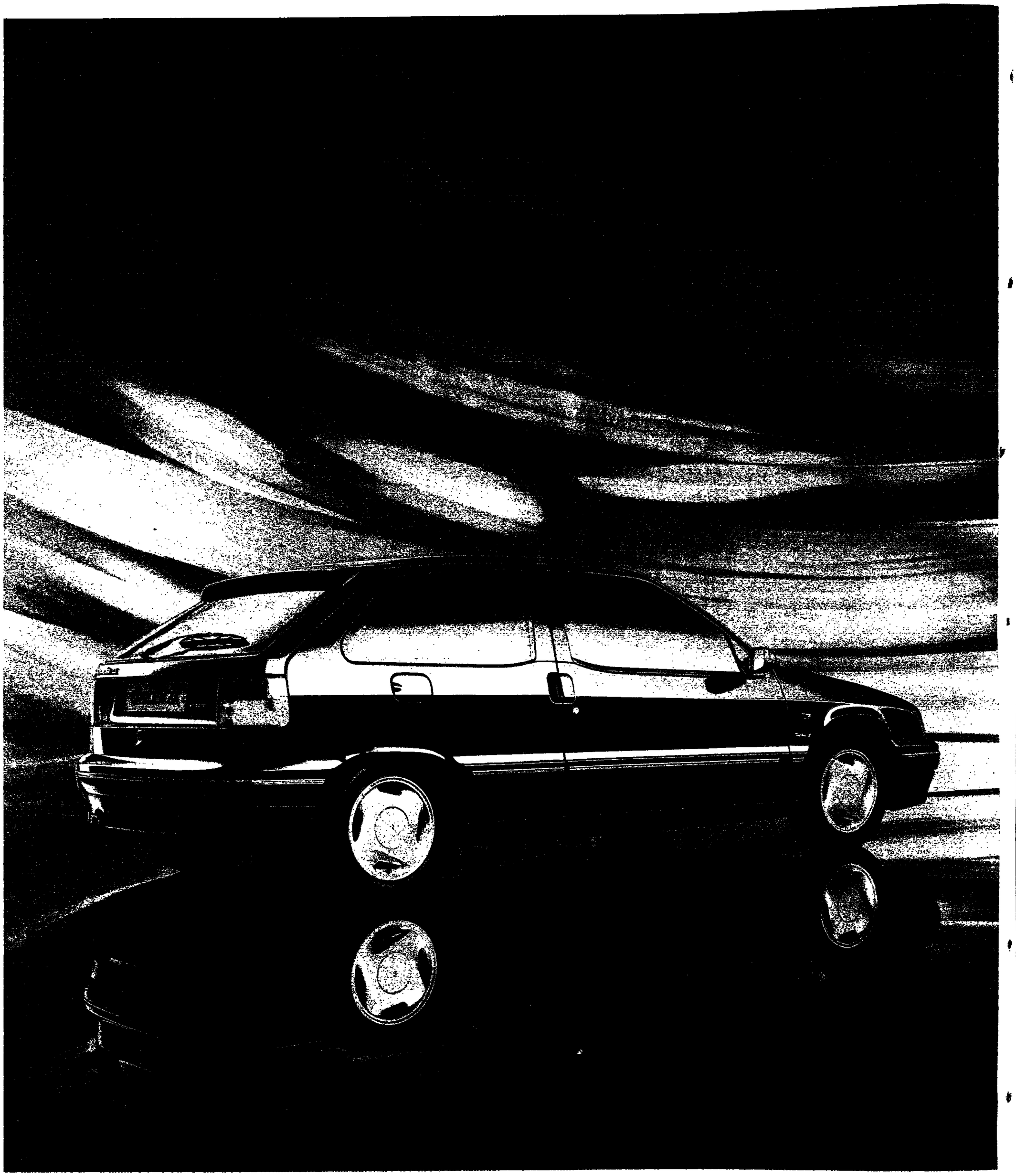
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The Times presents a guide to the complex maze of services — and tips on securing the best deal

How subscribers can win the telephone price war

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

THE telephone price war was stepped up yesterday when BT cut the cost of weekend calls for domestic users and promised further price reductions in the coming months. Michael Hepher, BT's managing director, said the package would reduce phone bills by about £500 million this year.

But the growing complexity of phone networks and tariff structures means it is becoming more difficult for consumers to assess the best, and cheapest, deals.

The Consumers' Association said telephone users should work out how much they use their phone and what type of calls they most frequently make, local or long-distance. "Although there is more competition, these companies are not always competing in the same area."

But with each operator using different time and destination zones, making direct comparisons is not easy. Listed below are some guidelines to help consumers through the maze.

■ **Method of charging:** While the charges of most phone operators are based on time usage, BT still charges by a unit of 1.5 minutes. A one-minute off-peak long-distance weekend call with BT costs 4.2p and 4p with Mercury. But if you should speak for a further 30 seconds, the BT price remains 4.2p while Mercury, which charges by the second, will cost 6p.



Hepher: stepping up the phone price war

■ **Peak and off-peak hours:** Every operator has different definitions, so it is easy to assume you are making an off-peak call when in fact you are being charged at peak rate.

BT: peak Mon-Fri 9am-1pm; standard Mon-Fri 8am-9am, 1pm-6pm; off-peak Mon-Fri 6pm-8am; weekend rate (starting December 4) midnight Fri-midnight Sun. Mercury: peak Mon-Fri 8am-1pm; standard Mon-Fri 1pm-6pm; off-peak Mon-Fri 6pm-8am, all weekend. Mercury One-2-One: peak Mon-Fri 7am-7pm; off-peak all other times. Vodafone: peak Mon-Sat 7.30am-9.30pm; off-peak all other times. Cellnet: peak 8am-7pm Mon-Fri; off-peak all other times.

■ **Deals for heavy users:** If you spend more than £75 a quarter and make a lot of long-distance calls it could pay you to subscribe to Mercury, perhaps in addition to BT, which can be done in some exchange areas on the same line. BT's charges on long-distance calls are on average 20 per cent more expensive, although its new national weekend rate is competitive with Mercury's.

BT offers a range of discounts, the most popular being Option 15. For a £4 quarterly charge, users who spend more than £40 a quarter get a 10 per cent discount on all their calls. Mercury offers a 5 per cent discount on calls made during peak hours for a £3 quarterly fee. Mercury also offers a "loyalty discount".

■ **Deals for light users:** For people who rarely use the phone or make mainly local calls, BT is the best bet. It also offers Supportline, aimed at those users spending less than £27.50 a quarter, which gives half-price line rental and 30 free call units. But be warned, thereafter units are charged at almost four times the standard rate.

■ **Local calls:** BT is still the only land-based operator for local calls, unless you live in an area with a cable telephone service. However, Mercury's One-2-One mobile phone service, launched last September, offers free unlimited local off-peak calls. Currently the service is available only within the M25. But the savings from free local calls have to be offset against the cost of the handset, at £249 or £299, and the higher line rental charge. Outside off-peak hours, BT is considerably cheaper. A three-minute weekday call made at 6.30pm costs 4.2p with BT, compared with 75p with One-2-One.

■ **The cable option:** There are now more than 200,000 residential lines and if you opt for cable you will have to change your phone number. It is difficult to assess whether you will be better off as charges vary widely. Some choose to compete with BT on service rather than price.

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HOW THE PHONE RATES COMPARE

Operator	Cost of phone	Connection charge	Line rental	One min long-distance call (p*) Peak	Standard	Off-peak	Weekend	One min local call (p*) Peak	Standard	Off-peak	Weekend
BT	from £17	£99	£19.50 /quarter	12.6	8.4	8.4	4.2	8.4	4.2	4.2	4.2
Mercury (land-based)	from £13	-	£10/ year	9.4	7.0	4.0	4.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mercury One-2-One	from £249	£20	£12.50 /month	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	25	-	free	free
Vodaphone Metrodigital	from £240	£50	£20 /month	25	-	10	10	20	-	10	10
Cellnet	from £79	£25	£12.77 /month	42.5	-	17.0	17.0	42.5	-	17.0	17.0

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Cost of calls set to drop further

BY A STAFF REPORTER

AS SOON as British Telecom announced its new weekend call rates yesterday its rival Mercury, which now has more than 500,000 subscribers, hit back saying: "We believe they are just following the price lead set by us."

Under BT's new national weekend rate, the price of a three-minute long-distance call falls from 25p to 10p, and a ten-minute call drops from £1.70 to 80p. Weekend calls from public payphones will also benefit with 10p buying 76 seconds of long-distance telephone time compared with the current 36 seconds.

Mercury recently restructured its domestic pricing tariff to give guaranteed cost savings of up to 20 per cent against BT prices.

A spokesman for the Consumers' Association said: "This is the first permanent price reduction aimed at the domestic user and we welcome that." BT have tended to direct price reductions and discounts towards high volume business customers.

Vivienne Peters, chief executive of the Telecommunications Users' Association, said yesterday's move showed BT was taking seriously increased competition from both land-based and mobile phone operators. "They are trying to narrow the price gap. By giving more and more offers, they hope to convince the consumer Mercury is not the cheapest option."

Michael Hepher, managing director of BT, promised further price cuts for business and domestic customers, including enhanced discounts and a scheme offering lower charges for regularly called numbers.

Fisheries challenge

TRAWLERMEN from England and Wales yesterday began a legal challenge to government plans to limit the number of days they can spend at sea as Michael Jack, the fisheries minister, appeared to hold out an olive branch to them (Michael Hornsby writes).

Mr Jack said he had been about to propose changes to the fishing restraints, which provoked protests at ports and harbours earlier in the year, but had been forced to delay because of the court case. There was no question of abandoning days-at-sea limits, he said, but he was considering raising the limit for some smaller boats and exempting some others, such as shellfishermen, from the restrictions entirely.

In the High Court David Vaughan QC, for the fishermen, said the days-at-sea limits would destroy fish stocks and amounted to an attempt by the government to shift the burden of its own failure onto fishermen.

THE TIMES DILLONS DEBATE

Will women priests split the Church?



THE Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Rev Richard Harries, and Karen Armstrong, for seven years a Roman Catholic nun, and author of the controversial new book *The End of Silence, Women and Priesthood*, will speak in support of women priests in this important debate. Challenging them will be Ann Widdecombe, MP, and Father Martin Flatman, vicar of Cowley St John, Oxford, both of whom are leading critics of the decision to ordain women priests.

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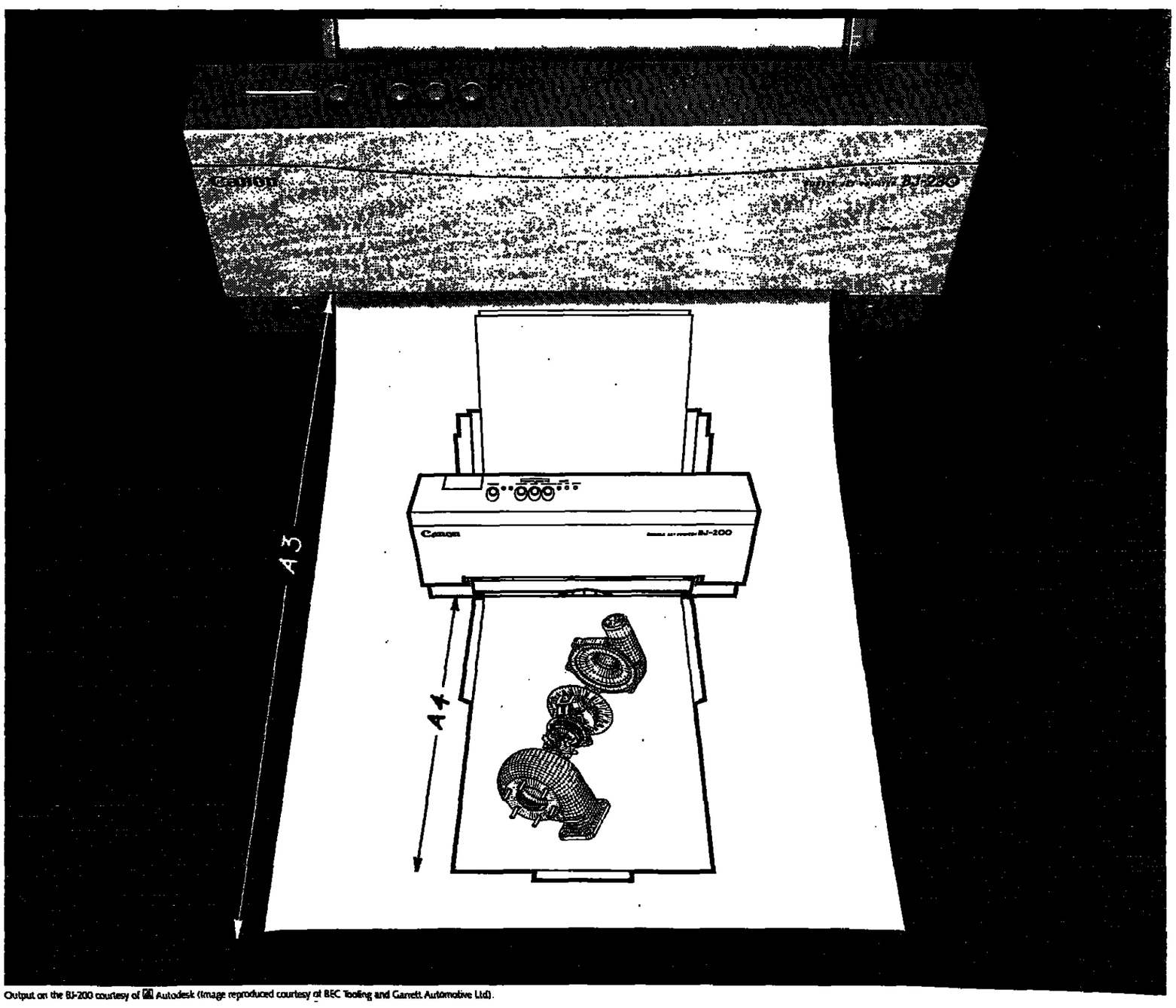
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Fox hunters begin season determined to win PR war

BY LIN JENKINS

THE British Field Sports Society launched a campaign yesterday, coinciding with the opening of the fox-hunting season, to counter the actions of hunt saboteurs and local councils that have banned the hunt from their land.

A levy has been put on hunt subscribers to help fund a campaign to publicise the arguments for hunting in response to the multi-million-pound anti-hunting lobby.

Despite the decision last week of Wiltshire to add its name to the list of 28 councils banning hunting on their land, supporters believe the sport is less threatened than in previous years. Oxford and Surrey councils will vote on a ban in a two weeks.

The campaign to promote a more positive image of hunting and to educate urban populations about rural life coincided with a decision by the High Court to allow the master of the Quantock Staghounds to seek a judicial review of Somerset County Council's ban.

Anthony Hart, secretary of the Master of Foxhounds Association, said the bans did not have the effect that many people believed. In most cases they were unenforceable since tenants of council-owned farms controlled the sporting rights and had the legal right to decide whether to allow the hunt across. Only where new tenancies came into operation, with the council retaining rights, could the ban be imposed.

Hunt supporters believe a proposed new law introducing the offence of aggravated trespass will greatly reduce the problems caused by hunt saboteurs. Brian Toon, of the association, feels that others might be discouraged by an injunction granted in Peterborough County Court in September, forbidding Steven Cracknell, a protester, from interfering with a hunt by the use of noise.

More than half the 192 hunts in Britain have never experienced any disruption from saboteurs. "We want people to come out and see what we do. We want to show people that foxes are a country problem which needs a country solution," said Caroline Yeates of the BFSS. "Because the Campaign for Hunting has now got some funds we are able to put our view forward."

The campaign is long overdue, according to hunt supporters. Last year was the first time that those who hunt made a serious attempt to spell out the arguments in favour. The League Against Cruel Sports has a budget of around £1.2 million and the RSPCA many times that amount. For a long time those involved in hunting ignored the publicity of those opposed to it in the hope that it would go away.

"We now run training days and masters are being made aware of the responsibility for explaining and showing to people what we do and why we do it," Ms Yeates said.

The League Against Cruel Sports retaliated yesterday with the launch of the second part of this season's advertising campaign, in national newspapers, which coincided with an action in the High Court against the National Trust to try to force it to clarify a resolution relating to hunting. The result is expected today.

John Bryant, spokesman for the league, said: "We want to promote the truth about the fox and its behaviour. The tide has turned. If we were to pack up and go away fox hunting would still be banned. All we can do is make it happen a bit quicker."



ADRIAN BROOKS

Margaret Bacon, of Islington, north London, enjoys her first visit to the British Library's reading room, open as part of National Libraries Week

Library elite move over for the masses

BY ALISON ROBERTS
ARTS REPORTER

■ **The British Library joined national celebrations by offering ordinary mortals a glimpse of its sacred reading room**

THOMAS Hardy, Samuel Butler and George Bernard Shaw were all regulars. When Lenin used it he signed the readers' register as Jacob Richter and, on another occasion, as Vladimir Oulianoff (his family name).

But for the first time since 1857 the British Library's round reading room was open to all yesterday and a rising hum of voices indicated a level of excitement rarely allowed within the sacred curved walls.

British Library tickets, wielded by the élite — professors, journalists and writers — had no value as National Library Week began. Instead a steady stream of the general public toured the huge, book-lined room, sitting at desks in rows K to P where Marx researched *Das Kapital*, and pulling out some of the 30,000 heavily bound reference books on open access.

Further disturbance of the usually soporific hush was caused by the British Library and British Museum Choral Society. Mozart's only work set for English words soared upwards, demonstrating the echo effect which can make a whisper boom.

Clifford Stilwell, 81, a first-time British Library reader, was fulfilling a "lifetime's ambition".

He grew up around the corner near Russell Square, but had only ever peered into the reading room from the threshold. "My mother and father always said that if you are poor it doesn't mean you have got to speak poorly or learn like a poor man. You have got to raise yourself up above the level of the others," he said.

"I haven't been into the room all my life; I couldn't miss the chance today." Mr Stilwell had taken a local history book and was researching the neighbourhood he remembered as a child.

But for some, the romantic appeal of the 104 ft-high room, with its sky-blue and gold dome designed by Sydney Smirke in the mid-19th century, is not enough. Michael Holroyd, the biographer who, like Ben Okri, Penelope Lively, Jeremy Paxman and Lady Antonia Fraser, holds a reading room ticket, uses the place "as little as possible".

"The reason why people are in love with it is because they have to wait so very, very long for their books," he said. "They stare up into the blue infinity and fall in love; they meet people while they wait and it's like a club. In fact it can be incredibly frustrating."

Mr Holroyd is one of the few who eagerly await the completion of the £450 million new British Library at St Pancras — expected to open later this decade. The new building may not come dripping in literary history, but unless technical problems intervene, staff will be able to retrieve books within hours rather than weeks. The round reading room will close temporarily in 1996 while the British Library moves north. When the room reopens it will come under the auspices of the British Museum once more.

Meanwhile, famous names were standing in for librarians around the country to celebrate National Library Week.

At Malvern public library in Worcestershire, the flamboyant violinist Nigel Kennedy took a turn behind the issue desk. At Farnham Common library, Sir Peregrine Worsthorne and his wife Lady Lucinda Lambton stamped books with aplomb.

A more serious note was sounded by Melvyn Bragg and Ross Shimmon, Library Association chief executive, who spoke of the threat to the public library service from government cuts.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Baby lost thumb after lift error

A lift engineer who failed to switch off the power, resulting in a 17-day-old girl losing a thumb, was fined £1,750 yesterday. Kevin Hunt, 41, of Hayling Island, Hampshire, admitted negligence.

A couple saw a warning sign outside a Portsmouth car park lift, city magistrates were told, but entered with their daughter in a pushchair. They descended to the first floor, where Hunt asked them to leave.

As the pushchair was halfway out the lift descended and the baby was tipped onto its roof, losing a thumb and receiving head injuries. The court was told Hunt was normally reliable and was keeping his job under supervision.

Driver jailed

Barry Smith, 21, of South Wigston, Leicestershire, who crashed while driving with a girl on his lap, severely injuring her and four other girl passengers, was jailed for 18 months at Leicester. He was given a further 18 months for putting slabs on a rail line.

Bogus lawyer

A bogus solicitor who won two Crown Court cases was jailed for six months at Bradford. Nigel Duckworth, 36, of Accrington, Lancashire, worked for a law firm but was unqualified.

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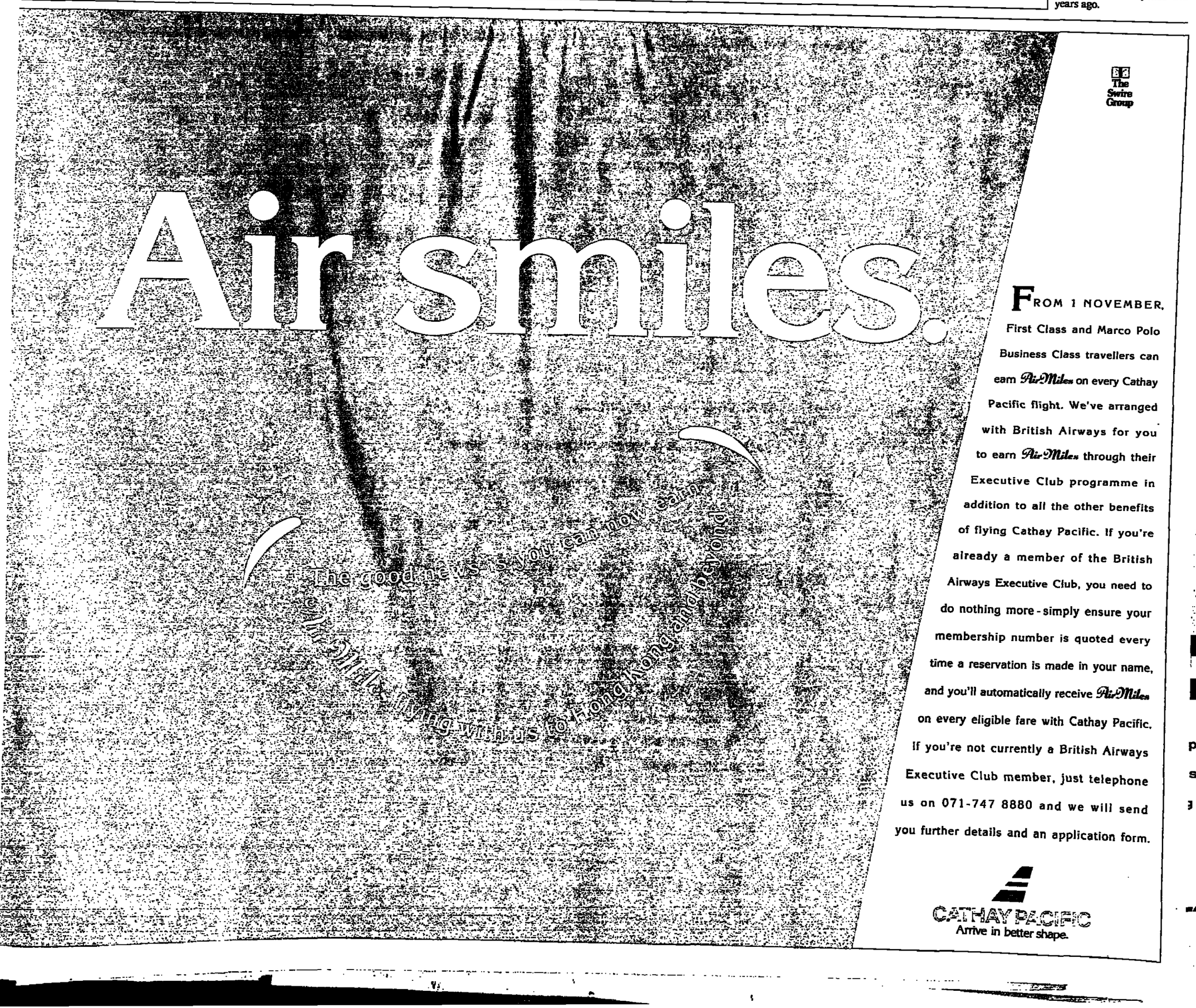
A policeman at Gillingham, Kent, has been suspended after throwing a lit firework at a pregnant woman from his parked police car. She was unhurt.

Farmer dies

A tenant farmer, Lambert Hancorn, 67, died after becoming trapped in a potato harvester at Preston on Wye, Hereford and Worcester.

Rats plagued

The ninth stuffed rat has been stolen from a Gloucester canal museum since it opened five years ago.



EC kills English wine on the vine

By John Young

■ One of England's key vineyards has succumbed to new import rules which, says its owner, threaten the whole industry

THE owner of one of Britain's largest vineyards is selling up because he cannot compete with imported cheap continental wine allowed under new relaxed rules.

Malcolm Kay, of Tenterden Vineyards, in Kent, said the advent of the European Single Market, which allows travellers to other Community countries to bring back virtually unlimited quantities of wine, had "knocked his business for six". He gave a warning that other vineyards were likely to find themselves in a similar predicament, putting hundreds of jobs and millions of pounds of investment at risk.

Tenterden, established in 1977 by Stephen Skelton, former director of the English Vineyards Association (EVA), occupies 64 acres and is one of the two most important vineyards in southeast England.

Mr Kay said yesterday that Tenterden's sales this year were down by at least a quarter, and blamed the new freedom granted to cross-Channel shoppers. "The amount of wine coming in from France is increasing every month," he said. "The off-licences around here are all complaining that their trade is being hit.

"It is very difficult to know what to do when up to 50 busloads of people are crossing the Channel every day just to stock up with drink," he added. "They come from all over the country, from as far as Yorkshire and Scotland.

"Not only is there a huge difference in the duties payable in France and in Britain, but the French and German governments subsidise their vineyards. Growers there can claim grants for planting vines, while we get nothing.

Mr Kay said the recession and this summer's bad weather had also deterred visitors. English wine accounts for only 0.3 per cent of the total British market, and the smaller vineyards in particular, which have difficulty in persuading shops to stock their products, rely on visitors for up to 50 per cent of their sales.

"After all these years the wine industry in this country was just starting to get off the ground," Mr Kay said. "And now this. It's very sad."

Commander Geoffrey Bond, head of the EVA, said it was too early to assess how badly British vineyards had been hit by the new import arrangements. But he had been told by some EVA members that sales were down by as much as half, a fall that was probably partly due to the recession and the weather.

The recommended limit for travellers returning from the Continent was ten cases but for those who could prove that their purchases were only for their own use, there was virtually no limit. "So if you can persuade Customs and Excise that both your daughters are about to be married, you can bring in as much as you like and hope the inspectors won't turn up at the wedding to see that it is all drunk."

Polecat enjoys smell of success

By Michael Hornsby
Agriculture Correspondent



After persecution by Victorian and Edwardian gamekeepers the polecat has begun to recolonise the countryside

THE polecat is staging a comeback. After centuries of vilification, this elusive member of the weasel family has recolonised Wales and is appearing in growing numbers in parts of England from which it has been absent for 100 years.

Still common in Europe, the polecat once roamed widely in Britain (though never Ireland) where it is thought to have arrived soon after the last Ice Age.

By the first world war it was reduced to a stronghold in mid-Wales and to one or two places in Yorkshire, Cumbria and the Scottish highlands. Surveys in the 1950s and 1960s found little evidence of polecats — easily confused with minks and ferrets — outside Wales.

Johnny Birks, who is conducting a three-year study of their return for the Vincent Wildlife Trust, said: "The polecat belongs to a group of predator birds and animals that were persecuted as vermin by Victorian and Edwardian gamekeepers but is starting to recover largely under its own steam."

Dr Birks said the polecat was back in force in Wales and "established in some numbers" in at least seven English counties: Cheshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Warwickshire and Gloucestershire. Sightings have also been reported in Derbyshire and Oxfordshire.

Dr Birks is monitoring five polecats — two males and three females — captured in Herefordshire and fitted with collars containing miniature radio transmitters.

Probably because of their penchant for poultry, polecats have been regarded as vermin from earliest times. Churchwardens' accounts of the 17th and 18th centuries record the payment of bounties for dead ones. Polecats were also hunted for sport and for their fur. Yet it was the desire of gamekeepers to ensure a supply of pheasant that brought the polecat close to extinction.

Can the polecat ever be restored to popular esteem? Its scientific name *Mustela putorius*, which means "bad-smelling musk-bearer", refers to its ability to create a stink when alarmed or angry — like its close cousin the skunk. Dr Birks believes the former outlaw has a chance of living down its unsavoury reputation. "The polecat has become so unfamiliar to the general public that we almost have a clean slate on which to create a more positive image for the creature," he said.

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Gunmen jailed for drug courier threat

TWO men were jailed for 18 years at the Old Bailey yesterday after an armed attempt to terrorise a young woman into working as a drugs courier.

Three men who tried to protect the woman during the attack in Kennington, south London, were forced to throw themselves from a third-floor balcony in an attempt to escape. One of them, the woman's husband, suffered a broken back. Another of the men was shot by the gunmen as he lay helpless on the ground.

Donald Morgan, 26, and Nicholas Harris, 25, were both found guilty of attempted murder and causing grievous bodily harm.

After the court hearing Det Chief Insp Arthur Benham spoke of the growing danger of the Yardie gangs, a culture which measures power in terms of drugs, money, and guns. More and more British-born young men were trying to emulate the Jamaican drug barons, he said. Morgan and Harris had moved on from burglary and less serious crimes of violence to Yardie-style terror and intimidation, he added.

The case also highlighted the ease with which guns could be obtained in this country, although the weapon used was a Russian firearm rarely seen in Britain. Mr Benham said: "Where they are getting these weapons from is a major cause for concern. These young violent people don't think twice about using them."

The court was told that Morgan and Harris were arrested after Alison Pommell refused to work for them as a drugs courier and violence erupted. The three men who were with Mrs Pommell when the pair called at her flat ended up going over the balcony. Her husband, Michael, suffered a broken back and Fitzroy Cummings was kicked and shot in the leg as he lay in agony on the ground. Morgan and Harris were convicted of assaulting the third man, Neville Richards, by striking him with the gun.

Outside the court, Mr Benham said the attempt to intimidate Mrs Pommell into becoming a drugs courier from Jamaica to Britain was a typical Yardie tactic. Those who refuses often faced terrifying consequences. Many Yardie attacks went unreported because the victims were too afraid to go to the police.



KEENE on CHESS

Blitz finishes Short

SPEED games, themed opening games and blitz chess involving both Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short enlivened the last four playing days of *The Times* World Chess Championship, after Kasparov had secured his winning margin of 12½ points to 7½.

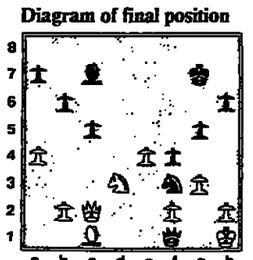
The speed chess match, which was televised live by Channel 4, resulted in an overwhelming 4-0 win by Kasparov. Game four was the most brilliant, with a hail of sacrifices by the champion leading to a forced checkmate.

White: Nigel Short
Black: Garry Kasparov
speed game (4), Savoy Theatre

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31	dxe4	Ne5
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33	c4	Rxd2
34	Rxd2	Bxc4
35	Rd3	Bxd3
36	Nxd3	Nf3+
37	Kh1	Qf1 checkmate

Diagram of final position



The official book of the match (Kasparov v Short 1993, Batsford) is now available. Copies can be ordered from *The Times* at £7.99 including postage and packing. Credit card holders can order direct on 0937 541149 (Monday-Friday 9am-5pm) while orders by post should go to *The Times*, Raymond Keene Offer, PO Box 11, Tadcaster, North Yorkshire LS24 9XA.

Russia's Anatoly Karpov drew with Jan Timman of The Netherlands to win the FIDE world chess championship in Jakarta on Monday. Karpov, 42, beat Timman by 12½ points to 8½ in the 24-game series to take the winner's 5/8ths share of the one million Swiss francs prize money.

The match between Karpov, ranked second in the world, and Timman, ranked only 31st, has been beset by difficulties over prize money and overshadowed by The Times World Chess Championship in London between two of the world's best players, Kasparov and Short.

Raymond Keene

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Labour attacks the increased costs of rail privatisation

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour party yesterday seized on official estimates that up to £2 billion will be needed to subsidise the first year of railway privatisation and accused the government of adding "gargantuan" costs to "this whole shoddy operation".

A leaked transport department report claims that the £850 million original estimated cost of subsiding unprofitable rail lines in 1994-5 may have to increase to £2 billion under privatisation.

The revelation immediately raised the temperature of the opening day's debate on the controversial railways bill. With nearly 500 amendments added since it first went to the Lords, MPs were preparing for a gruelling two-day debate.

The government was confident that late concessions would persuade Tory doubters to back them on the issue of allowing British Rail to bid for some of the franchises. However, Brian Wilson, a Labour transport spokesman, attacked the "fundamental" last-minute changes which had discredited the bill even before it became law. Mr Wilson quoted the leaked document from the government-appointed Restructuring Working Group, representing the transport department, Treasury and BR.

According to the document, the transfer of services from BR to franchises "is likely to increase the subsidy requirement". It adds: "Roundly, the central government grant requirement would total some £2 billion in 1994-5," although the figure should decrease as more of the BR network is taken over by franchises.

Mr Wilson said that, even with an additional £1.15 billion being added to the £850 million subsidy, "not a single extra train will run, not a single extra passenger will be carried and not a single extra piece of freight will be taken off the roads and onto the railways."

Although John MacGregor, the transport secretary, has claimed that the subsidy need not be as high as £2 billion, Mr Wilson continued the assault on the "gargantuan additional costs".

He said: "That is not a transport policy. It is the politics of prejudice which have characterised this whole shoddy operation."

The debate began with front-bench arguments about the government's plans to ensure that BR mangement buy-out teams were given priority in winning the new private franchises to run the railways. The system of "feather-bedding" management bids was attacked by Nick Harvey, the Liberal Democrat transport spokesman, who claimed the government was "loading the dice in favour of anyone who would come along and take the service from [British Rail]."

Roger Freeman, the public transport minister, denied claims that senior BR management were not interested in proceeding with franchises. The government was amending the bill to ensure the transport secretary had a duty in promoting that interest.

Priority would be given to bids where railway employees had a "substantial interest," he said. "We wish to support BR managers and employees who come together to take an interest."

Brooke sets a festive date

BY ANDREW PIERCE

PETER Brooke, the national heritage secretary, has upset those planning millennium parties by announcing that the 20th century will end not on New Year's eve 1999, but on December 31 2000.

The 21st century and third millennium will begin on January 1, 2001, Mr Brooke decreed in a Commons written reply yesterday. But acknowledging that many people would ignore his ruling, he promised the government would be joining in early celebrations.

Most London venues are already booked up on December 31 1999. The Savoy is turning away further enquiries. Claridge's, inundated with applications to hire the ballroom, is to hold a draw.

Roger Haywood, head of a public relations firm, booked the Royal Albert Hall for a party on December 31 1999 back in 1975. Management refuse to discuss a price until 1995. The Dorchester Hotel has declined enquiries for its Terrace Restaurant and ballroom because it plans "something spectacular" itself. Madame Tussaud's was hired months ago by someone taking bets on who would hold pride of place in its hall of fame. Nor is the demand restricted to London. One hotel in Bromley, Kent, is fully booked even though the foundation stone has not been laid.

One of Mr Brooke's aides said: "We know that most people will ignore us and celebrate on December 31 1999. It's not that the government is being stuffy. We just wanted to make it official."



ALAN WELLER

Joëlle Garriaud-Maylam, left, European MP for French people living in the UK, and Pauline Green, leader of the European parliamentary Labour party, welcoming the Maastricht treaty's coming into force yesterday

Major hopes to seize talks initiative and shame parties back to the table

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

The tempo of political discussions on Northern Ireland has changed in the past few days. In contrast with the sombre mood in the Commons a week ago when Sir Patrick Mayhew spoke about the Shankill bombing, there was a sense of urgency yesterday when John Major reported on his talks with Albert Reynolds. But behind the good intentions, there are few reasons why the terrorist groups should halt their killing.

Both governments are determined to revive what is cumbersomely known as the "talks process". Anything less would be seen as inadequate. This time the governments are taking the initiative rather than relying on the Unionists and the Nationalists to find common ground.

The news from Downing Street last night was that Mr Major had "concrete and substantive" proposals. Together with Mr Reynolds, he might be able to persuade, and shame, the constitutional parties to resume negotiations.

There are some positive signs: the Irish government has referred to a referendum on renouncing its formal claim to the north and its acceptance of the Unionists' right to give or withhold consent on any change in the constitutional position of the province. The British government has left open the door to including in the talks those who renounce the use of violence and demonstrate their commitment.

Different glosses have been put on the meaning of consent, referred to by Dick Spring, the Irish deputy prime minister, and Mr Major. How widely is consent to be drawn? Does it cover more than just the Unionist veto? John Smith pointed out the risk of treating Mr Spring's points selectively. Moreover, as Ian Paisley noted, when will be "the right time and the right circumstances" for constitutional reform in the Irish republic?

There is plenty of scope for disagreement. Whereas, before, they might have stopped the talks occurring, now they may not. The immediate aim of both governments is to involve the constitutional parties. Mr Major and Mr Reynolds have rejected the plan put forward by John Hume, of the SDLP, and Gerry Adams, of Sinn Fein. That does not, however, mean their proposals are irrelevant.

Mr Major was speaking for many when he said he could not stomach sitting down with Mr Adams. Yet, as Tony Benn pointed out, many governments have talked with those once branded terrorists. Mr Major yesterday sidestepped questions from Norman Lamont about whether he would rule out an amnesty or ever talk to those involved in violence.

Bipartisanship on Northern Ireland survives, though with orange and green fringes. Mr Smith gave a greenish tint to his remarks by highlighting Mr Spring's plan and the need to involve Dublin. He did not go nearly as far as Kevin McNamara, Labour's Northern Ireland spokesman, seen by Unionists as an ally of Mr Hume. But Mr Smith implied the Unionists should not be an obstacle to talks.

Some Labour MPs have publicly supported Mr Hume's initiative. On the Tory side, a minority sympathise with the Unionists, dislike the approach pioneered in the Anglo-Irish agreement of 1985 and oppose Dublin's involvement.

At present, Mr Major has the support of most MPs, less in hope of a breakthrough than in the belief that something must be seen to be done.

PETER RIDDELL

Right-wing Tories take aim at 1922 moderate

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SIR Geoffrey Johnson Smith, one of the moderate stalwarts of the backbench Tory 1922 Committee, is to face a right-wing challenge in elections to be held on November 25.

Amid claims that Major loyalists want to settle scores after the civil war over the Maastricht treaty, Robert Dunn, 47, MP for Dartford, is to stand against Sir Geoffrey, 69, for one of the two vice-chairmanships of the committee.

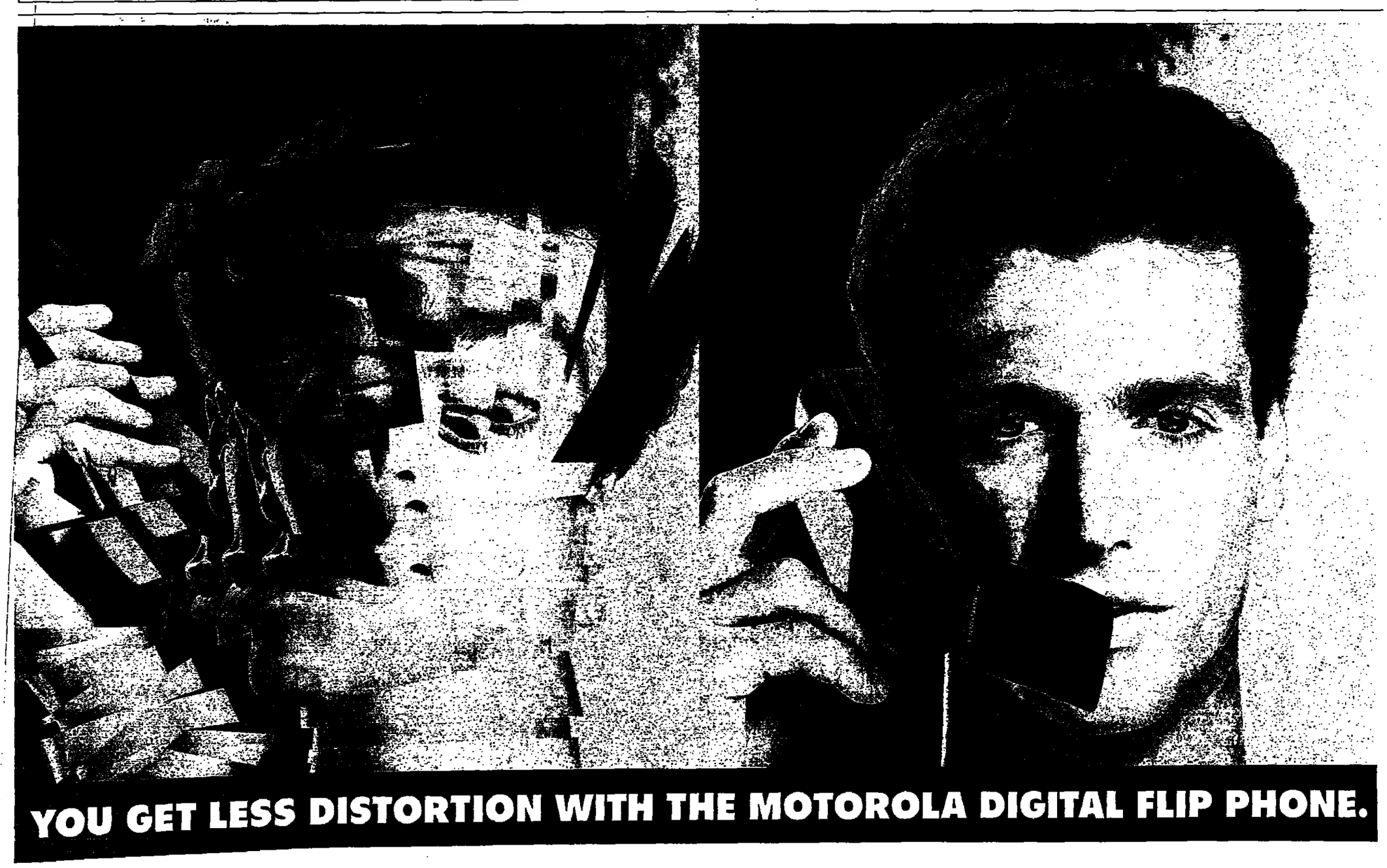
The main centre-left backbench grouping, "the Lollards", will see the move as a sign that the right wants to reinforce its grip on the committee. Four of the six officers and nine of the 12 executive members belong to the right-wing 92 Group.

Mr Dunn's supporters say the contest should be viewed more as an attempt to bridge the generation gap. Most of the officers of the 1922 are in their middle to late sixties and are unlikely to be candidates at the next general election. Mr Dunn's supporters are saying that the committee's officers need new blood, otherwise it will be short of experience in the next Parliament. Mr Dunn, a member of the executive, is one of 13 names on the right-wing slate drawn up after a poll of the 92 Group.

Last night, some 60 MPs drawn from the Lollards and pro-Maastricht MPs on the Tory centre and right were meeting to draw up a rival slate. Prime movers are Peter Temple-Morris and Ray Whitney. Despite the right's suspicions, Tristan Garel-Jones, the former minister for Europe and a formidable backstage Commons operator, was authoritatively said to be taking no part in the power struggle.

In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: Education; prime minister. Railways bill, Lords amendments.
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Whites win right to restrain future ANC government

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

THE South African National Party, representing the white minority, will have the power to restrain an executive dominated by the African National Congress in the government of national unity that will follow next year's elections.

Under proposals submitted to the multi-party negotiating council last night, the National Party has dropped its insistence on a new president (probably Nelson Mandela) acting on the advice of a vice-president (probably F.W. de Klerk). In future there will be two executive vice-presidents, one of whom seems likely to come from the ruling party and the other from the main opposition party. Both vice-presidents will be members of the cabinet and will have the right to be consulted on matters of government policy and cabinet business. Cabinet decisions will be taken by consensus.

These points became clear yesterday in a final flurry of negotiations aimed at producing the new interim constitution for South Africa which began yesterday as the ANC and the government edged closer to each other. Black and white right-wingers still remained on the sidelines, a threat to the stability of any solution, unsure whether to join the process or not.

The intense series of bilateral negotiations between the government and the ANC has narrowed the gap between them to such an extent that the target of completing an interim constitution by the end of this week no longer looks totally impossible, merely unrealistic.

A few extra days added to their self-imposed Friday deadline should see most of the i's dotted and t's crossed, and the plenary meeting of political leaders which was tentatively suggested by Cyril Ramaphosa, the ANC secretary-general, for this weekend is set for the week beginning November 15.

However, any party with more than 5 per cent of the seats in the national assembly will be entitled to a proportionate number of seats in the cabinet and cabinet decisions will be by consensus. The ANC-government agreement says that, where consensus is not possible, the cabinet will decide matters "by an increased majority". The size of such majorities has yet to be determined (it will probably be one of the very last items to be nailed down), but is widely expected to be about two-thirds.

The ANC has agreed to this restraint on its ability to do exactly as its majority in an elected parliament might have entitled it, provided that the arrangement will not last for ever and that an adequate way of breaking any deadlock that might arise in writing a new constitution is found. If no acceptable deadlock-breaking mechanism is found, the enforced power-sharing implied by the clause might last indefinitely.

The same series of talks has also produced agreements between the ANC and the National Party on the extent to which power is to be devolved from the central government to provincial assemblies in a federated South Africa. Principally, that involves the power of the provincial assembly to raise taxes, which it will do under the supervision of a non-partisan financial commission.



Ramaphosa: leaders' meeting plan agreed

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Dewi Sukarno, widow of the late President Sukarno of Indonesia, pictured nude in *Shuga*, a new collection of photographs published in Japan. It is her second book of nude photographs; the first was published in 1974

Sukarno widow casts too many veils for Jakarta

The Indonesian government has banned a collection of nude photographs of Dewi Sukarno, widow of the former president, published in Japan (Our Foreign Staff writes).

Elderly Japanese have turned the book of nude photographs of the 53-year-old former Indonesian first lady into a roaring bestseller. The book went on sale at the weekend and by yesterday it appeared that all 100,000 copies from the initial print run had been sold, a spokesman for Scholar Publishing said. Sukarno, Indonesia's first president, married Naoko Nemoto, a Japanese-born geisha, in 1962. At his bidding, she changed her name to Ratna Sari Dewi.

After his death in 1970, Dewi, the youngest of his six wives, became an international jet-setter. In 1992 she was accused of slashing the face of Victoria Osmena, a fellow socialite, at a dinner party in the ski resort of Aspen, Colorado. She ultimately accepted a plea bargain and served 34 days in the county jail. The nude photographs in the new book were shot in Paris, Tokyo, Kyoto and Indonesia.

In an interview with the Indonesian weekly news magazine *Editor*, Mrs Sukarno said she published the book because "I love beauty. That's all. A beauty should be displayed."

This will be the second book carrying nude photos of Dewi. The first one was published in 1974.

Laos sees border bridge as mixed blessing

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN VIENTIANE, LAOS

On the counter at the little Thai immigration office at Nong Khai, where the traveller takes a rickety wooden ferry boat across the muddy, swirling Mekong river to Laos, is a pile of leaflets showing a weeping woman. The leaflets grimly depict the dangers of Aids.

This is the kind of thing that worries the authorities in Vientiane, capital of tiny landlocked Laos, one of the world's poorest countries, which has the unenviable "least developed nation" status at the United Nations and a per capita income of £153.

Some people refer to the almost completed concrete 1,170-yard "Mittaphab", or Friendship Bridge, which will supplant the little ferry boats as the link between Thailand and its northern neighbour, as the Aids bridge. "Laotian leaders fear it will facilitate not just trade and development, but Aids, prostitutes, drugs, raw Thai capitalism, and democratic ideas," one diplomat in Vientiane said.

The bridge, financed by the Australian government at a cost of £18.6 million, will be opened next April by King Bhumibol of Thailand. He has advised its leaders not to repeat Thailand's environment-wrecking mistakes.

At present, goods from Thailand cross the Mekong on a ferry and are transferred to Laotian lorries. Now, when roads are upgraded with foreign aid, lorries will drive through to China and Vietnam from Bangkok and Kuala Lumpur, the Malaysan capital. "There is no reason why buses will not be able to carry tourists from Singapore to Peking," says Michael Mann, the Australian ambassador.

So the outside world has at last caught up with Laos. Now, Lao yuppies have cellular phones, and in the national assembly a member drew attention to traffic jams and illegal foreign workers. Last year 40,000 ethnic Vietnamese seeking a better life here were expelled.

One Vientiane-based foreign diplomat said: "Laos's best hope is to become a bridge itself between bigger and stronger neighbours, without being engulfed by them."

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Satellite puts China and US in a spin

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

CHINA'S National Space Administration and the American space command are disputing the fate of a Chinese satellite.

According to the Americans, the satellite, launched at China's Jiuquan launching site in the Gobi desert on October 8, veered out of control on October 16 and split in two. The larger portion, weighing two tons, plunged into the sea last week at 17,000 mph, 1,000 miles west of Peru. The smaller bit, the size of a coffee table, remains in space and is expected to fall to Earth this month.

One of China's experts admits the loss of control and the breaking in two, but insists that what the Americans have seen "could not be ours. Ours is still in space. It is not in correct orbit, but it still has an orbit". Another spokesman said the satellite would remain in space another six months and that it could be seen clearly. Major Nelson McCouch, at the North American Defence Command in Colorado Springs, said: "We have a multi-billion-dollar ground facility here, with state-of-the-art radar tracking technology. I can track a bolt 10cm in length."

The aim of the Chinese mission was to take photographs from space. It carried no nuclear fuel.

The Americans have no plans to raise the Chinese satellite fragment from the depths off Peru. If China manages to recover its fragment weeks from now and from quite another location, the dispute could be a rerun of the Yinhe incident. The Americans tracked the Chinese freighter through the Gulf for two months, claiming it was carrying poison gas bound for Iran. They refused to give an apology or compensation after the ship was searched and nothing was found.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Australia lets Chinese stay permanently

Canberra: Australia has decided to let 28,500 Chinese stay in the country permanently, extending the temporary permits issued after the Tiananmen Square crackdown in 1989.

Another 22,000 people staying in Australia indefinitely to avoid returning to former Yugoslavia and Sri Lanka will be allowed to stay if they can meet certain strict entry conditions, such as language and the operation of a small business. *(Reuter)*

Afghan battles

Kabul: Fighting started between the forces of Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, Afghan prime minister, and fighters led by Ahmad Shah Masood, a former defence minister loyal to President Rabbani. *(Reuter)*

Crowd deaths

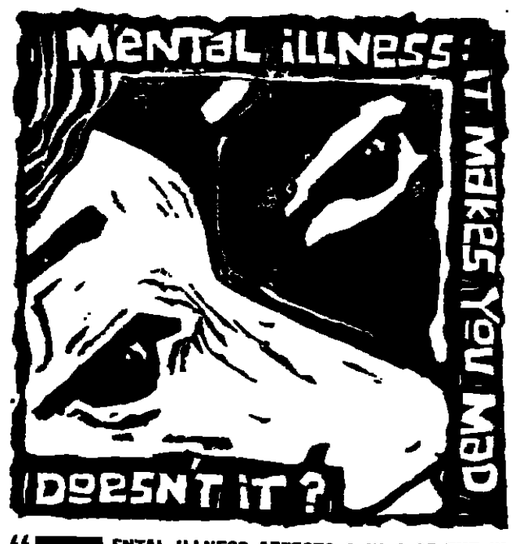
Phnom Penh: At least 16 Cambodians were crushed to death at the palace here when crowds celebrating King Norodom Sihanouk's 71st birthday tried to rush a blocked gate. *(AFP)*

Jail deferred

Seoul: Chung Ju Yung, the Hyundai group's founder, was sentenced to three years in jail here for election fraud during his bid for the presidency. He remains free pending an appeal. *(Reuter)*

Rat pack lands

Cape Canaveral: The space shuttle Columbia landed safely with seven astronauts and a cargo of laboratory rats. Six of the 48 rats had been dissected in space. *(Reuter)*



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European Union slips into being with little fanfare

BY OUR DIPLOMATIC EDITOR AND JAMES LANDALE IN BRUSSELS

■ Confusion surrounded Europe's new bonds. Apart from a change of official letterheads and logos, it is unclear how the union will affect ordinary people's lives

THE European Union came into official existence yesterday, following the entry into force of the Maastricht treaty, but with most countries still unsure of its legal status, and more confusingly, what to call the new entity.

The European Union officially extends the European Community, which in turn was the more up-to-date name for the European Economic Community, itself an improvement on the original unofficial but more popular term, the Common Market. Official papers will now have to have new letterheads, and Eurospeak will have to be adapted to talk of the "union" wherever appropriate, though no logo is yet available for this new creature.

The new treaty officially makes all Britons citizens of the union, as well as of the United Kingdom. Despite an instinctive British dislike of terminology such as "union", the Foreign Office is eager to make the change when necessary, to emphasise that common foreign and security policy — CFSP in Eurojargon — is a separate "pillar" of the European Union, and not under the thumb of the Brussels Commission.

But inevitably in Whitehall, as in almost all government departments in the 12 countries, the European Community will continue to be known as such.

"We will use the term union where appropriate, of course, but it's not really clear even to the member states how the distinction will be made," a spokesman said. "Maybe the minister will sort this out at the next meeting of the Foreign Affairs Council."

The birth of the new union was heralded with few fireworks or fanfare among its members. Two days of public holiday across continental Europe to celebrate All Saints and All Souls days meant that the doors to all EU institutions were kept firmly shut. The London office of the new union was open and working. But Brussels was, as befits the eve of the *fête des morts*, like a ghost town. The streets around the Community institutions, usually thronging with bureaucrats and officials, were quiet, still littered with rubbish and security barriers, the detritus of last Friday's EC summit.

The European Commission buildings, normally home to 13,000 workers, were empty except for security guards and a few women on the switchboard. The European Parliament in Strasbourg, given stronger legislative teeth under the treaty, was not biting yesterday, heralding instead a new era of democracy by answer-phone. Only a few Bruxellois were working, while their compatriots visited cemeteries across the city to pay their respects to their dead.



Dehaene: gave the new union a bland welcome

Belgium, current holder of the six-month rotating presidency, hailed the implementation of the treaty. Yet Jean-Luc Dehaene, the prime minister, was hardly triumphal when he welcomed the new union on Belgian radio yesterday.

"The treaty provides Europe with supplementary measures," he said. "This should allow us to attack problems on an international level together."

British MEPs were equally ambivalent. Lord Bethell, the conservative MEP for London North West, said: "Now is a good time to consolidate where Britain's future lies in Europe. But any talk of a new dawn is rubbish."

Glyn Ford, Labour MEP for Greater Manchester East, said: "The union has come in with a whimper but I hope it would go out with a bang." But he doubted that the 345 million people who made up the EC, and who yesterday became citizens of the union, really understood the consequences. "I don't think your average person in Oldham, where I was this morning, feels any different at all. It's our job to change that.

One main provision of Maastricht will be the setting up of a European Monetary Institute, and central bankers from the Twelve will soon meet in Frankfurt to consider where this should be located.

Hans Tietmeyer, the president of Germany's Bundesbank, said he would invite them to tour the city to look for a suitable site for the EMI, the forerunner of the future European Central Bank. They will be joined by Alexandre Lamfalussy, who is expected to be named the EMI's first president by EC leaders at a summit in December.

The EMI staff will initially work out of the offices of the Bank for International Settlements in Basle, which is run by M Lamfalussy, before moving to Frankfurt.

In a radio interview Herr Tietmeyer gave a promise that the Bundesbank would not overshadow the EMI as it takes it first steps on the way to becoming Europe's most important institution. He emphasised his satisfaction that the EMI, like the Bundesbank, would be tough on inflation.



A soldier loyal to Eduard Shevardnadze, the Georgian leader, helping to carry coffins of fallen comrades through the streets of Kutaisi. They died as they battled to retake Senaki, forcing rebel troops to flee

Karabakh trial for air raid pilots

BY NICHOLAS BETHELL

TWO former Soviet air force officers, Anatoli Chistyakov and Yuri Bilichenko, will stand trial this month in Stepanakert, capital of Nagorno-Karabakh, charged with mercenary activity against the Armenian-dominated population. They could face the death penalty.

The pilots, one Russian and the other Ukrainian, were allegedly paid £3,300 a month by Azerbaijan to fly bombing missions against Stepanakert, with bonuses for each successful raid. The two men were shot down in January.

The case against Mr Chistyakov, a former Soviet major, is seen as the more serious because he flew 30 missions, whereas Mr Bilichenko flew only five or six, and because he has not expressed any regret. Mr Bilichenko has apologised.

Red Square barred to the Bolshevik faithful

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

THE Moscow authorities yesterday banned all demonstrations on November 7, the communists' sacred anniversary of the 1917 Bolshevik revolution, so as to avoid any violence.

The mayor's office fears that the opposition may use the occasion to create mass disturbances. On May 1, the other main communist holiday, clashes between hardline groups and the authorities left one policeman dead and hundreds of people injured.

A spokesman for Yuri Luzhkov, the mayor, said that the ban applies to all parties, regardless of their political allegiance. Several communist groups had announced their intention of holding meetings on that date.

Russian security officials remain wary of armed hardline opposition supporters who succeeded in escaping through secret tunnels from the besieged parliament during last month's bloody October uprising. They have expressed fears that the activists might turn to terrorism against President Yeltsin's regime.

Moscow: Police in the Ukrainian capital Kiev clashed with religious cult members who hold that the world will end on November 24. It is feared the date may be marked by mass suicides among the White Brotherhood's 150,000 members.

Traditionally, November 7 saw the former Soviet Union's biggest annual parade through Red Square. The ban, however, is unlikely to deter diehard communists from trying to celebrate their "glorious" past in Red Square.

Despite the recent setbacks for the opposition, Mr Yeltsin's hopes for a stable government after next month's elections seem in doubt as members of his camp begin to fall out.

The most open clash involves moves by Viktor Chernomyrdin, the prime minister, to control the media.

Last week Vyacheslav Kostikov, Mr Yeltsin's press spokesman, criticised Mr Chernomyrdin for his decree taking over the television station and air time previously allotted to the now dissolved parliament. Mr Kostikov said the move could "damage Russia's democratic image".

NEWS IN BRIEF

Red Cross reports new Bosnia carnage

Thousands of civilians have been driven from their homes and many were reported to have been summarily killed in fighting between Muslims and Croats in Bosnia, the Red Cross said yesterday (Our Foreign Staff writes).

Appealing to both sides to honour the rules of war and spare civilians, the International Committee of the Red Cross reported devastation in the mainly Croat Vares area where thousands of Muslim refugees were fleeing.

The Muslim-led Bosnian government army told UN peacekeepers that its units shot dead 19 Croat soldiers who tried to escape after being captured in fighting around the Bugojno, central Bosnia.

The Red Cross in Sarajevo said: "The situation in Vares appears chaotic. Thousands of civilians have been forced to flee from their homes . . . they are fleeing looting, death threats, mistreatment and they are desperately searching for protection."

Corsica hit

Ajaccio: Ten people were missing in flash floods ravaging Corsica. Southern areas of the island were declared an emergency zone. Homes, bridges and roads have been destroyed. *(Reuter)*

Olivetti offer

Rome: Carlo De Benedetti, 58, head of the Olivetti computer firm, was prepared to give himself up to magistrates who have ordered his arrest on corruption charges, his lawyers said. *(Reuter)*

Ransom paid

Madrid: The family of Julio Iglesias Zamora, a kidnapped businessman, paid 300 million pesetas (£1.5 million) to Eta Basque separatists for his release, Spanish newspapers said. *(Reuter)*

Pyramid totters

Bucharest: President Iliescu ordered a Romanian pyramid investment firm, Caritas, to be banned after it had suspended payments for two days because of organisational problems. *(Reuter)*

Renault's cheeky little Twingos cut macho at the wheel down to size

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

AS SIX million drivers joust on jammed French roads today at the end of the All Saints weekend, Renault is celebrating the first birthday of its Twingo.

The odd little vehicle with frog-eye headlights has not only scored phenomenal sales: it has also stirred fears among Frenchmen that their cars are being de-sexed. Or, as one Paris taxi-driver snarled in a traffic duel this week: "Real men don't drive Twingos."

In France, as everywhere, la voiture has always been man's mistress, the pliant object of his passion and fantasy. But according to the late philosopher-critic Roland Barthes, and the other thinkers who have laboured on the subject, the Frenchman has heavily "sexualised" his car, seeing it more than most Europeans as an expression of his virility, a phallic weapon for crushing rivals.

The country's appalling road deaths, double those in Britain, are also linked to an Oedipal desire to do in the father, according to the Freudians of the Left Bank.

Now, say the auto-psychologists, the man at the wheel feels threatened by the advent of the "de-virilised" and identical-looking cars with rounded forms which are replacing the thrusting angles of his father's transport. The tiny new Fiat Cinquecento and Nissan Micra are obvious examples, but France tops the league with its highly successful little Renaults, the Clio and the toy-like Twingo.

Not yet available in Britain, the cheeky-looking Twingo has sold 90,000 in Europe. As testosterone-free as a car could be, the Twingo's popular accessories are colour-coordinated travel backpacks and umbrellas.

"It's a fear of castration," says Jean-Francis Held, a car sociologist noting the effect on road-warrior egos of the new race of "playful" cars. The rise in road accidents over the past year could partly reflect a backlash against the trend.

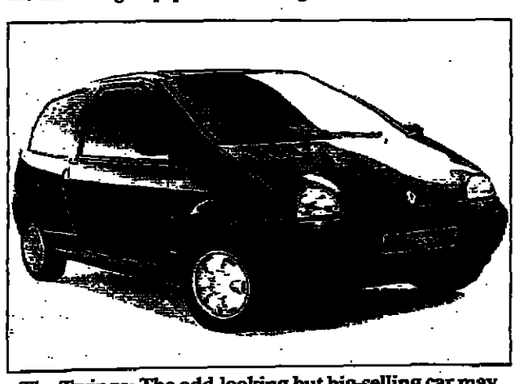
"The fact that the car is becoming much less a symbol of power can temper the aggressiveness, but it can also heighten the frustrations which incite recklessness," M Held says.

He cites the rage of the big-car driver who is challenged in the fast lane by a wannabe Alain Prost in a Clio. Anyone who has driven on a French autoroute knows the law of the jungle dictates that the man in the big car must do everything to carve up the Clio.

"The guy in the big car is indignant that the man with the little willie in the Clio dares to measure himself against him," says M Held.

Even Shakespeare knew about the Frenchman's sexualisation of his transport, he says, pointing to the scene in *Henry V* where the French noblemen boast of the erotic charm of their horses and the Dauphin says: "My horse is my mistress".

The feminisation or de-sexing of cars has become a matter of anguish in the cafés and motoring magazines over the past year as the manufacturers have joined the trend for *ludique*, or playful, vehicles. One magazine wondered this month: "How did men let women invade their last sacred territory?" Just look at the names, one commentator remarked.



The Twingo: The odd-looking but big-selling car may be playful but seems as sexless as a vehicle could be

Kohl ditches terrorist amnesty

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

A SECRET attempt to mediate between Red Army Faction terrorists and Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, has collapsed, a prominent German defence lawyer said. However, the negotiations have opened a probably unbridgeable gap in the movement, splitting imprisoned terrorists and sowing confusion among the group's fugitive members.

Carl-Heinz Delwo, who is in Selle prison and was apparently speaking for a large number of imprisoned terrorists, said the Red Army Faction would renounce violence in return for a partial amnesty. Dr Edzard Reuter, chairman of Daimler Benz, and Ignatz Bubis, chairman of German Jewry, agreed to act as mediators and approach Herr Kohl and German industrialists. The government seemed at least mildly encouraging.

Then last week hardline terrorists wrote from jail to German newspapers saying that they would never consider a deal unless it was unconditional and included all suspects and all prisoners. Herr Kohl, about to launch an election campaign based on law and order, firmly squashed the mediation effort. "The time is simply not right," he told Herr Bubis.

The police seem to agree. Although one of their agents in the terrorist movement has just been exposed, the police have gathered considerable evidence against fringe activists and were thought to be preparing a series of arrests.

As for the Red Army Faction, it is no longer the tightly organised hierarchical group of the 1970s and 1980s. Some of the prisoners seem ready to strike any deal to get out of jail and some of the fugitives are ready to surrender, provided they are offered immunity and exile outside Germany. But Brigitte Mohnhaupt, spokeswoman for the imprisoned hardliners, last week denounced the mediation attempts and said they in effect spelled the end of the movement. "Separation is now the only option."

Counter-terrorist experts in Germany emphasise that a splintering of the orgainisation will not necessarily mean a reduction in violence. On the contrary, a number of radical left-wing groups have been springing up to fill the void.

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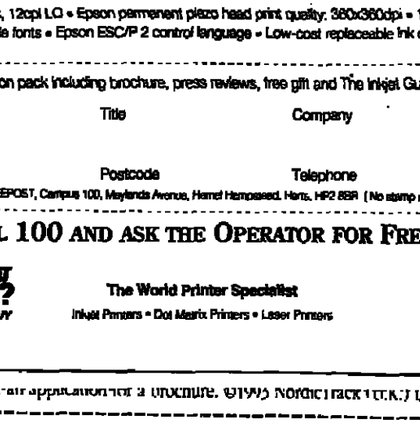
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CIA accused of damaging Haiti's chances of democracy



Aristide: his supporters blame the US embassy

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN PORT-AU-PRINCE

■ Controversy over Jean-Bertrand Aristide has boosted the aspirations of a sinister opposition party whose members have been blacklisted by the US

IN THE sinister world of Haitian politics it has long been assumed that American intelligence agencies have collaborated with anti-democratic forces in the country. The Haitian military is even proud of its love-hate relationship with the CIA.

"The CIA was in and out of the general staff HQ here all the time before the coup," one Haitian businessman close to the military said. "The direct fax line to the Pentagon was busy all the time," he added.

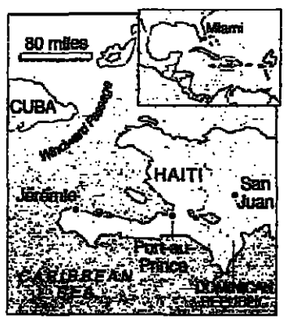
Supporters of Jean-Bertrand Aristide have long accused the CIA of involvement in the 1991 coup. When Mr Aristide was detained briefly by the military during the coup, before being sent into exile, Alvin Adams, the US ambassador, and the US embassy military attaché spent several hours in the military staff headquarters. His supporters also blame the US embassy for flying him out of the country, while the US said Mr Adams saved the president's life by persuading the coup leaders not to kill him.

The continuing controversy over Mr Aristide has given encouragement to the opposition Force for Haitian Adavancement and Progress. "We are the future," said Emanuel Constant, 37, leader of the force. "The palace is empty and we need people who can govern."

Mr Constant's view of the future looks remarkably like a revival of the past, however. His group, and others like it, that have emerged from the rotten woodwork of Haiti's crumbling society in recent months, call themselves the "New Duvalierists", a reference to the father and son dictatorship of François "Papa Doc" and Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier who ruled Haiti from 1957 until 1986.

The sinister rule of the Duvaliers began as a defence of Haiti's poor black population against the Mulatto elite, but quickly turned into an orgy of unbridled corruption, inefficiency and terror.

Mr Constant's father was Haiti's corrupt army chief under Papa Doc. "I am following in his footsteps," he said proudly, sitting in his home surrounded by faded



photographs of military men hanging lopsided on the walls.

After the military coup that ousted Mr Aristide in September 1991, Mr Constant volunteered his services as an "adviser" to the military high command. "They needed help. I felt it was my patriotic duty," he said.

Another force leader who answered the call of duty was Lino Cassetana. Until a few months ago he was an American marine assigned to the US embassy in Guatemala. After 17 years in the marines he was reported to have been court-martialled and discharged. "The Americans destroyed Hiroshima and Nagasaki. I don't work with destroyers any more," he said.

Mr Constant is reputed to be close to Colonel Michel François, the police chief of Port-au-Prince, who controls the bands of notorious police auxiliaries, or "attachés", who have held the capital in a state of terror in recent weeks. Mr François's father was also a major in Papa Doc's presidential guard.

Mr Constant denies that he has any ties to the attachés, but when he appears in public he is generally escorted by a private army of plainclothes guards toting machineguns. "I don't carry a gun," he said, "but I know how to use one," he added with a grin. Yesterday the force declared that it is seeking the impeachment of Mr Aristide and the creation of a government of national consensus. "The Americans got rid of Nixon. It is the same thing here," Mr Constant said.

Diplomats are concerned by the rise of "the dregs of Duvalierism", including the force, which was formed earlier this year. Alleging that the force is an anti-democratic organisation, the American embassy has placed Mr Constant and some other opponents of Mr Aristide on a blacklist and has revoked their US visas and frozen their US assets.

"You cannot take their assets, they wear them," said one Haitian businessman, referring to the new Duvalierists' penchant for pistols tucked into their trouser belts.

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Republicans pursue three glittering poll prizes

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

REPUBLICANS hope to mar the first anniversary of Bill Clinton's presidential election victory by seizing two of the three big prizes in today's state and city polls.

They were last night confident of adding the governorship of Virginia, which they last held 12 years ago, to a string of smaller electoral victories since Mr Clinton took office.

They were also hopeful of capturing the office of mayor of New York City for the first time since 1965, though the race between David Dinkins, the Democratic incumbent, and Rudolph Giuliani, his Republican challenger, remained too close to call.

The Republicans would be delighted to win such a bastion of urban liberalism just five months after Los Angeles elected its first Republican mayor in 36 years, and would portray it as a repudiation of Mr Clinton in a Democratic heartland. But they look set to lose the one election of real national significance — the governor's election in the bellwether state of New Jersey.

Final polls put Jim Florio, the Democratic incumbent, narrowly ahead of Christine Whitman, his millionaire Republican challenger. His would be a stunning victory considering that he, in a trial balloon for Clintonomics, had levied record tax increases to balance the budget after taking office. Mr Florio, a former boxer from Brooklyn, became so unpopular that, to judge by New Jersey's bumper stickers, he once joked his first name was "Dump".

Both national parties have invested heavily in the outcome. Mr Clinton sent James Carville, his own campaign strategist, to mastermind Mr Florio's re-election effort and has visited the state himself. With Congress fretting over how to finance his health-care plan, the president badly needs evidence that raising taxes is no longer political suicide. "What you do on Tuesday will send a huge signal across the country," declared Hillary Clinton in a final campaign appearance for Mr Florio.

Bob Dole, the Republicans' leader, was also in New Jersey at the weekend, clinging to the hope that voters might yet reject Clintonomics in favour of Mrs Whitman's Reaganite recipe for economic expansion — a 30 per cent tax cut that makes Mr Florio appear like a model of fiscal rectitude. "This election will be heard all the way to the White House, and they have a little hearing problem there," Senator Dole told a rally of the faithful.

But whether the Democrats will really be able to declare that America's great tax revolt is over also depends on the fate of two initiatives on Washington state's ballot paper. The first would repeal all new taxes the state raised last year to finance a new health-care programme. The second would limit future tax increases to the inflation rate.

Republicans will be hard pressed to depict a victory for George Allen, their candidate in Virginia, as a repudiation of Mr Clinton. Mary Sue Terry, the Democrat, distanced herself from the president and was badly undermined by public feuds within the state Democratic leadership. But in other ways Virginia reinforces messages from New Jersey.

Mr Allen, like Mr Florio, has used conservative populism to win over voters. He wants welfare recipients put to work and an end to parole for



Dole: campaigned in New Jersey

violent criminals. Mr Florio further exploited the growing fear of violent crime by successfully confronting the powerful gun lobby. There is little electoral advantage in being a woman.

Virginia may also demonstrate a backlash against the religious right, whose intolerance contributed to President Bush's defeat. Michael Farris, Mr Allen's running mate for lieutenant governor, is trailing badly despite support from Pat Robertson, the Virginia-based televangelist.

Frantic finish to race for New York

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

WITH just one percentage point separating the two candidates for mayor of New York in the latest poll, they spent the last days before today's election hurtling around the city in the political equivalent of a relay race.

David Dinkins, 66, the incumbent mayor, attacked his rival's character first over smoked salmon and bagels in Manhattan on Sunday, then in the churches of Brooklyn and Queens. Rudolph Giuliani, 49, the Republican-Liberal challenger, passed his time savaging the mayor's record as he stumped between the Russian enclave of Brighton Beach and the Jewish neighbourhood of Borough Park, while breathlessly promising to visit "at least five [more] different communities" before voting starts. At one point the two entourages narrowly avoided colliding in Brooklyn.

New Yorkers, by contrast, mostly stayed inside on Hallowe'en, sheltering from the rain and rhetoric which pelted down with equal force.

Mr Giuliani's campaign started four years ago, when he lost to Mr Dinkins by just two percentage points. Mr Dinkins's campaign for re-election began at almost the same moment. Now both voters and candidates are exhausted, and the tightness of the race is less a reflection of equal support than an equal lack of enthusiasm for both men.

A cartoonist in the *New York Post* accurately caught the city's mood by depicting a coven of witches fleeing in terror when the mayoral candidates come to the door demanding "trick or treat". One ghoul observes: "Scariest damn thing I ever saw."

In the closing moments of his campaign, Mr Dinkins, a liberal Democrat, has sought to portray himself as the candidate of compassion and his rival as a right-wing hothead. "Should a man who one day eggs on angry riots at the citadel of our government, the next day become the moral leader of our city?" he asked, referring to an incident last year when Mr Giuliani allegedly incited a rowdy police protest.

With every vote crucial, the mayor's tone has come close to pleading. "Will you take my hand and walk with me across our great city," he murmured to a Baptist congregation in Upper Manhattan. "Let us not awake on Wednesday morning and say we're sorry."

Mr Giuliani similarly implored voters in this staunchly Democratic city to eschew party divisions and focus on Mr Dinkins's record as mayor, in particular his much-criticised handling of the Crown Heights riots two years ago. He also accused the mayor of smear tactics.

"You can always tell when somebody is about to lose an election. That's when they start throwing stink bombs," he told supporters, despite strong criticism of his own less than fragrant campaign.



Rudolph Giuliani, the mayoral challenger, with his son Andrew, daughter Caroline, and wife Donna at a children's Hallowe'en party

Narrow win for Fujimori over reforms

BY GABRIELLA GAMINI

PRESIDENT Fujimori of Peru obtained a narrow victory in a plebiscite to allow him to make constitutional changes and extend his mandate after 1995.

Early exit poll results showed that 55.3 per cent of Peru's 12 million voters approved the changes, but the margin was smaller than the president had hoped. He predicted he would get 70 per cent of the vote, and had turned the referendum into a test of the popularity of his three-year-old government.

Señor Fujimori hoped to win stronger backing by boasting about his government's success against the Maoist Shining Path rebels.

Clinton woos the Chinese

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

IN A desperate diplomatic effort to prevent America's relations with China from deteriorating further, President Clinton is sending top administration officials to Peking in order to overcome recent policy disagreements over human rights and military proliferation.

The latest US visitor is Charles Freeman, assistant secretary of defence for regional security and a China expert, who arrived in Peking yesterday for discussions with Chinese military leaders over arms proliferation.

Sino-US relations sank to new depths recently after the Clinton administration imposed trade sanctions on China in protest against Peking's alleged sales of M11 missile parts to Pakistan in an apparent contravention of the missile technology control regime. In one of his few clearly stated foreign policy goals, the president has placed the control of arms proliferation at the top of his foreign policy agenda, a decision that is in part responsible for the difficult relationship between the countries.

Mr Freeman's visit comes after that of other officials, including one by John Shattuck, Assistant Secretary of State in charge of human rights, and by trade and agriculture officials. Later this month, at the Pacific economic summit in Seattle, Mr Clinton is expected to hold an informal meeting with Jiang Zemin, the Chinese president. In an interview with a Hong Kong magazine, *Li Peng*, the Chinese prime minister, said that the meeting would be of "great significance" and "conducive to safeguarding peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region". In America there is also a faint hope that this meeting might help to bring about a new era in the relationship between the countries after the chill since the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre.

However, the resumption of a friendly policy towards China is politically treacherous for Mr Clinton, who during last year's election campaign accused former President Bush of "coddling" Chinese dictators because of Mr Bush's decisions each summer to renew China's "most favoured nation" status unconditionally. Most favoured nation status gives Chinese exporters low-tariff access to the US market. But Mr Clinton now is in danger of pursuing a China policy that is virtually indistinguishable from that of his predecessor.

UK and Argentina sign fishing pact

BY OUR DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

BRITAIN and Argentina yesterday signed a new agreement on fishing in the rich waters around the Falklands, boosting co-operation in the conservation of fish stocks and giving Argentina a role for the first time in issuing licences for the valuable catch of ilex squid.

The agreement was signed by Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, and Guido di Tella, the Argentine foreign minister, who was making the first visit to London by a senior minister since the Falklands war. Señor Di Tella, beginning three days of talks, also met the prime minister at No 10 to review the lingering disagreements from the Falklands war.

Argentina is angry that Britain is still upholding an international arms embargo that would prevent the sale to Buenos Aires of any modern weapons, including 36 American Skyhawk fighter bombers. British pressure has held up the deal for two years.

Señor Di Tella will also express his country's anger that Britain has excluded Argentina from bidding for oil exploration contracts in the Falklands. Argentina is threatening to use its influence to deter any foreign companies from tendering for oil rights.

Britain hopes that the growing trade between the two countries can lead to a general thaw in relations. The joint UK-Argentina South Atlantic Fisheries Commission has held seven meetings since it was set up.



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Growing tension in the occupied territories brings tougher line from Israeli negotiators

Settler violence casts shadow on peace meetings

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

■ Instead of the expected celebrations, continued unrest lent a sombre atmosphere to Israel's handover to the PLO of the first maps of the proposed withdrawal

ISRAELIS and Palestinians should have celebrated yesterday when Israeli army officers handed over the first detailed maps to PLO officials of how they plan to withdraw their forces from the occupied Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho.

The occasion, at the opening of the fourth round of negotiations in the Egyptian resort of Taba, was conducted in a sombre atmosphere as continued tensions between Arabs and Jews in the occupied territories cast a shadow over the dialogue. For the fourth consecutive day yesterday, heavily armed Jewish settlers in the occupied West Bank continued their vigilante operations against local Palestinians in reprisal for the weekend abduction and murder of a settler by the militant Muslim group Hamas.

At the Palestinian refugee camp of Jalazoun, near the site of the killing, a group of Jewish vigilantes attacked a United Nations primary school, smashing windows in eight classrooms and setting one room alight. The action was the most serious incident in a morning of well-orchestrated operations involving hundreds of settlers who blocked off main roads and barred all Arab traffic for two and a half hours.

"Until the army guarantees our safety, we will have to restrict Arab movement in the areas where Jews have to get around," said Aliza Herbst, a spokeswoman for the settler movement.

The worsening atmosphere in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip appears to have had a direct impact on the Israeli coalition government's negotiating posture. Yitzhak Rabin, the prime minister, reportedly instructed his team not to offer any more "confidence-building measures", such as the further release of Palestinian prisoners, until the PLO demonstrated good will by condemning the Hamas attacks and displaying greater flexibility at the negotiating table.

The apparent hardening of the Israeli leader's attitude is also influenced by nationwide municipal elections yesterday in 158 localities. Mr Rabin, who described the polls as a "referendum" on the peace agreement, has since discovered that the ruling Labour Party is facing a strong challenge from the main right-wing opposition Likud Party, particularly in the key cities of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.



In Jerusalem, whose future status must be negotiated between Israel and the Palestinians within the coming two years, the current mayor, Teddy Kollek, 82, is facing his toughest election in nearly three decades of office from the former Israeli ambassador Ehud Olmert. In Tel Aviv, Ronni Milo, a former police minister in the Likud government, is tipped to defeat Labour's candidate, Avigdor Kahalani, an ex-army general and hero from the 1973 Yom Kippur war.

To the north, Israeli-backed militiamen of the South Lebanon Army (SLA) yesterday captured a guerrilla who was trying to infiltrate the Israeli "security zone". The militiamen found the guerrilla, armed with an AK47 assault rifle, a pistol and hand grenades, hiding in bushes near the Beit Yahoun crossing point into the western sector of Israel's self-declared buffer zone. In three attacks earlier yesterday, guerrillas fired mortar bombs and rockets on two SLA posts but there were no casualties.

In Damascus, ten radical Palestinian groups and Lebanon's pro-Iranian Hezbollah (Party of God) agreed on Sunday to redouble efforts to wreck the Israeli-PLO self-rule deal and to step up attacks to end Israel's occupation of Arab land. The groups have staged more than 55 attacks on Israeli and SLA forces in south Lebanon as part of their campaign to derail the peace moves.

□ **Cairo:** Jihad, a militant Muslim group vowed yesterday to kill eight named Egyptian army officers who sentenced 38 Muslim activists to death over the past year for attempting to topple President Mubarak. *(Reuter)*

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An Arab woman carrying photographs of her three imprisoned sons demands the release of Palestinians during a Jerusalem demonstration yesterday

Bitterness taints Syrian hopes for deal

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN KUNEITRA, SYRIA

NO PEACE will ever restore to Sit Deeb her friends, neighbours and the comforts of Kuneitra before its 50,000 inhabitants were driven out and the town was systematically bulldozed and dynamited by the retreating Israelis.

She remains, one of six households in this ghost town, preserved by the Syrians as a reminder of Israeli aggression. Inside the patched-up house of the 73-year-old widow, there is water, electricity — paid for by the government — and the cool, spartan cleanliness of a traditional Arab household. Outside there is desolation.

Sit Deeb lives alone, as defiant in her isolation as she was when the Israeli military governor tried to make her leave in 1973 before the Israeli army pulled back from Kuneitra to the Golan ceasefire lines. She does not expect much from any peace agreement. "The Turks were here for 400 years, the French for 25. They did not blow up our houses when they left. If I find that Syrian Jew who went round the town ordering people to leave, I'll drink his blood," she said.

Kuneitra is part of a tense stand-off on the militarised front line. In Damascus, the memories are less bitter, the hopes more urgent.

"We must have peace," a member of the merchant class said. "We want it in a few months. Everything will change in our business if we can settle all this. Look at all the things our country needs, and look how much we have to spend on defence."

Hopes are widespread, though not openly expressed. Political talk is dangerous in Syria: the moustached *Mukhabarat* (intelligence agents) are everywhere and the ubiquitous pictures of President Assad demonstrate an ostentatious loyalty that is the best insurance against trouble.

The PLO and Egypt plan to build a shared airport in the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip with runways in Egypt's Sinai desert. "The main buildings will be in Rafah while the runways will be in Sinai," the PLO economic department said, adding that World Bank finance was being sought. The PLO said one reason for the choice of a shared airport was that the Gaza Strip surface alone was too small. *(Reuter)*

Officially, Syria is still pouring cold water on any talk of a deal. The press makes much of Yassir Arafat's treachery, cowardice and new-found "friendship" with Israel. Its wildly exaggerated praise of Syria's "principled stand", its opposition to Israeli pressure and the need for a comprehensive peace express a nervousness, however. Syria does not want to be left out, but it cannot accept the snub of being outwitted by the Palestine Liberation Organisation's chairman and left on the backburner by the Israelis.

Farouk al-Sharaa, the foreign minister, reassured Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, on his recent visit, that Syria would not sabotage any deal. But neither would it silence the Palestinian rejectionists.

This ambiguity comes out in all public comment. The editor of *al-Baath*, the influential party newspaper, was nonplussed when asked how his paper was preparing Syrians for a peace deal. "Our people will accept the decisions of our president. He is fighting for all Arab interests." The president has clearly not yet instructed the press how to deal with any moves towards reconciliation with Israel. The editor was right, however. There is no open opposition to Mr Assad; and his recent policy of economic liberalisation has been warmly welcomed by the small but influential middle class. Life is visibly better for many than it was only three years ago.

Wages are still low, however, and the growing gap between the ruling circle of the nouveaux riches and the thousands swarming into Damascus in search of work worries many. It also makes any further move away from state control, such as lifting the subsidies on bread and staples, difficult.

Syrians know that without peace the prospects for Western investment and economic progress are slim. But face is probably more important here than in any of Israel's other neighbours.

Peace would also bring problems that people hint at only obliquely: the edifice of Mr Assad's tight control would be less easy to justify.

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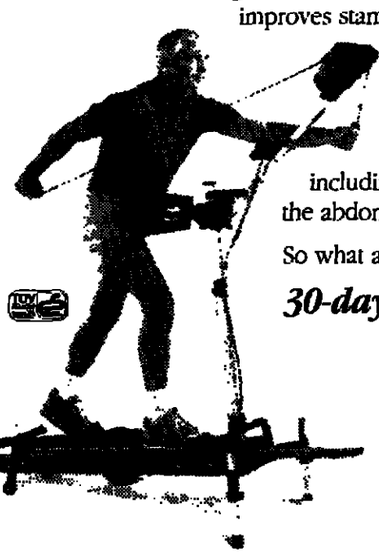
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'Gentleman' will do nicely

The toff has had his day

OH GOOD, the term toff is about to be buried. The exchange between Alan Howarth MP and Marmaduke Hussey, chairman of the BBC governors, at the national heritage select committee was surely its last gasp. It established not only that toffs do not watch television and are therefore not entitled to call themselves representative members of the human race, but also that the worst insult one member of this quaint species can pay another is to identify him as such.

Once upon a hierarchical time, a taxi-driver would call a fare a toff if he (never she) wore a good suit and shiny shoes and had the manner of a man who had been used to having other people do things for him since babyhood. This was Victorian slang, used by the lower classes of the upper, probably derived from the tradition of giving undergraduate sprigs of the nobility a gold tassel to wear on their academic caps. It survived long after the death of Lord Rosebery, the last of the tasselled students, but you would have to go back years — goodness me, as far as the pre-Thatcher era — to find a taxi-driver using the word.



MARGOT NORMAN

Only people with toffy aspirations, and old-fashioned headline writers, had kept it alive until last week, when a Tory politician of rather superior mien and an ex-Guards officer married to a lady-in-waiting to the Queen tossed it between them like a hot potato. Anyone who still thinks there may be life yet for the toff should try substituting the word "gentleman". Would Mr Hussey have disavowed that so hastily had Mr Howarth tried to pin it on him? On the contrary.

A toff is not a gentleman, a Good Thing, but somebody who is required simply to be, rather than to do, a fellow whose mere presence on a board of directors lulls the rest of us into a sense of false security, and thus a Bad Thing.

With any luck, the grandee will follow the toff into oblivion. The Howarth-Hussey exchange provoked Julian Critchley into a defence of the toff on the ground that, whatever else might be said of him, his was a safe pair of hands for positions of public trust because he didn't need the money.

To Critchley, toffs and grandees are all gentlemen. He perpetuates the myth that Baroness Thatcher loathed them all because they made her feel inferior. The truth is the other way round: they loathed her because she made them feel inferior — in influence.

Their views, their *Weltanschauung*, cut no ice with her because she was out to change all that. The loathers were, in any case, in the minority among toffs. There was Francis Pym, far better described in her words as a gloomy Whig than as a grandee, and there was Sir Ian Gilmour. There was Lord Prior, whom she describes not as a toff but as a "false squire". And there was Lord Soames who, when she sacked him, gave her "the distinct impression that he felt the natural order of things was being violated and that he was, in effect, being dismissed by his housemaid". This is the true gloss on his remark that he wouldn't speak to his gamekeeper in the way she spoke to him.

Lady Thatcher is in fact rather pro-toff. She invested much time in learning to sound like one, and married one. Are we in danger of having no term to describe Sir Denis, his old mate Lord Deedes and Lord Whitelaw, if we abandon toff? Happily not, since in all cases "gentleman" will do nicely.

IT IS becoming difficult now to refer to anyone as merely grand. People are not just grand, they are "too grand for . . ." The Queen started it, by allegedly referring to Princess Michael as "far too grand for the likes of us", and that other Michael, George of the voice.

Mr Michael seemed confused about this business of grandness. On the one hand he told us he was not too grand to discuss marketing strategy with Sony executives, and on the other he observed that he would "lose respect" if he employed a manager to do that sort of thing for him and then got involved in doing it himself.

We are back, are we not, with the definition of toff that includes being able to pay people to do things for you. And that implies money. You can't be grand unless, like George Michael, you have enough money to be embarrassed when disclosing the sum to a poor judge. Otherwise you're just "too grand for . . ." and therefore comically self-important.



THE ADMIRALTY

"Never at Sea" was the motto of the original Wrens in the first world war. In 1944 the woman pictured had answered the call to sign up and "free a man to join the fleet"

All the nice girls now are sailors

After 76 years the Wrens have taken a final salute and merged with the senior service. **Julia Llewellyn Smith** reports on a sea change

They were part of the "best marriage mart in Britain". They lived in rent-free, "smashing" avocado coloured rooms, "nearly buried under cuddly toys, wig blocks and photos of their boyfriends". They were given free contraceptives and wore nail varnish. Wives considered them such a threat that they marched the streets, demanding their removal.

The Wrens have always suffered from a public image problem. For nearly 80 years they have been planning military manoeuvres, decoding enemy transmissions and fixing the engines of battleships. But as far as the public was concerned the girls in navy blue were either frustrated lesbians, or uniformed nymphomaniacs attempting to splice not only the mainbrace but also every petty officer aboard.

Even Winston Churchill, who admired the Wrens and insisted they accompanied him as writers during his meetings with Roosevelt and Stalin, was stinting in his praise, describing them only as "hens who laid eggs without cackling".

Yesterday, however, one of the most sniggered-at institutions in Britain was quietly declared extinct. The Women's Royal Naval Service no longer exists and its 4,535 personnel will in future be nothing more than fully-fledged sailors.

The Wrens were not pushed out of existence. Instead they signed their own death warrant and opened the way to allowing women to reach the highest naval ranks. There are already 60 female officers and 700 ratings serving aboard 25 Royal Navy vessels and women are training as aircrew and pilots, divers, instructors and engineering and supply officers.

"The only thing they cannot do is go in submarines, and when new ones are built with specially adapted accommodation they will be able to do that too," says Lesley Thomas, the keeper of the Wrens collection at the Royal Naval Museum in Plymouth.

When the Wrens were born in 1917, women's liberation was the last thing on anyone's mind. A government that had lost a generation on the battlefields decided in desperation to call on the nation's young women to carry out the more menial tasks of war. Under the leadership of Dame Catherine Furs, 5,000 volunteers, with the motto "Never at Sea", became secretaries, cooks, cleaners and drivers as well as boat crews and wireless operators. They were denied the gold braid of the men's uniforms, which was deemed too expensive, and had to make do with blue. As soon as the war was won, however, they disbanded and returned to their homes.

In 1938, as Hitler's menace grew, the service reformed. By 1944, 75,000 women had answered the recruiting poster's cry of "join the Wrens and free a man to join the fleet". They repaired ships as bombs exploded around them, rode on despatch missions in the blackout and worked as decipherers at the top-security Bletchley Park listening post.

Miss Thomas says: "It was drummed into them that they were special and were expected to maintain the highest standards, both personally and at work. Everyone was proud to be in the Service and their good behaviour reflected that pride."

Ever since, barriers between male and female duties have gradually melted away. The watershed year was 1990, when, for the first time, female officers were allowed to adopt Royal Navy rank titles, women were allowed to go to sea on warships and the rule that forced pregnant women to retire or face a compulsory discharge was dropped.

But higher status has meant a whole new set of problems. Commander Maggie Robbins, the former WRNs deputy director, who from yesterday has become Staff Officer, Female Focus, says: "We may now have achieved the same footing as men, but females still merit special service. It will be a few years before the male and female sides of the navy are happy together. The navy is without doubt, the last bastion of male chauvinism.

"Since Nelson's time, it has been an all-male preserve and many of the men have never worked or trained with women. When the first women joined the ships it was a terrible culture shock for everyone.

"Men who were only used to dealing with their wives and their sweethearts and daughters had very hostile attitudes to their new colleagues, while the women who had trained onshore with a younger generation had been lulled into a sense of false security. They had no idea they would encounter so many hardened attitudes and prejudices."

Matters were not helped, when navy wives marched the streets of Plymouth, demanding that these women were kept away from their husbands. One wife said: "We know what will happen if this plan goes ahead. I wonder how they would like it if we started taking in lodgers."

The tabloids gleefully fuelled their fears with a spate of stories along the lines of "Sex at Sea Inquiry", "Naval war over two-timing Wren" and "Jacuzzi Wren's morning-after pill". Miss Thomas, who was a Wren between 1974 and 1979, sighs at the memory. "It's novelty value, that's all, because sailors have always had this wonderful image — everybody loves a sailor. So, unfortunately, some incidents get blown out of proportion.

"It's a shame because stories like these tar everybody with the same brush, but it's true that girls of 17 and 18 have very different standards these days from the ones we had. In my day anybody who misbehaved got a name for themselves."

Commander Robbins is less sanguine. "These stories are a source of great annoyance to hard-working girls trying to prove themselves. Some are now reluctant to own up to the fact that they are part of the Royal Navy." The end of the WRNS, she hopes, will mean the end of the nudges and *doubles entendres*. "Ratings still have the option of using the title Wren to distinguish themselves as female," she says. "But the Wrens had to go, otherwise we faced becoming the victim of army cuts. Our future lies in becoming less and less distinguishable from the men."

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Ben Macintyre examines the tortured emotional lives of American pets

What is your dog thinking?



HELGE HEINONEN

Today's dog: I bark, therefore I am

Most American pet-owners believe, with a conviction bordering on mania, that animals are really just humans in disguise.

The evidence is everywhere: bars and boutiques where you can wine, dine and dress your cherished pooch; pet psychiatrists who will divine your cat's innermost angst; fresh-air holiday camps for stressed-out urban pets; psychics who will reveal the fate of your goldfish, and whether it has a future in showbusiness.

And there is Taro, a dog on death row in New Jersey for allegedly biting a child, whose case has been taken up by animal-lovers everywhere, from the state governor to Brigitte Bardot. Books by presidents come and go, but a book by Millie, President Bush's dog, is for ever.

Anthropomorphism is a sort of religion in the US, but like every other major creed hard proof has been lacking, until now.

In August, Elizabeth Marshall Thomas, an ethologist and anthropologist, published *The Hidden Life of Dogs*, an in-depth study of what her 11 dogs think and feel, based on 12 years research and 200,000 hours of observation. The book shot onto the US best-seller list and has remained there ever since. The initial 12,000 print run turned into a quarter of a million copies, and Ms Thomas became, overnight, a cult figure.

These dogs are more than just barking, eating, sniffing, urinating machines, reacting to simple stimuli and automatically obedient to nature. They have rich emotional inner lives. They fall in love, they mourn, they calculate, they have complex needs and traditions, hopes, fears and fantasies. In short, their intellectual, sentient and love lives are rather more profound than those of many Americans.

The Hidden Life of Dogs reads like a cross between a paperback bodice-ripper and a scientific treatise. Consider the complex amatory situation, minutely observed by Ms Thomas, between Bingo, a male pug, and Maria, a sexy young Husky. Bingo, please note, is already "married" to the dowdy Violet.

"Healthy and athletic, Maria was everything that Violet was not . . . [Bingo] would demonstrate in front of her, walking slowly and stiffly back and forth across her path, with his ears held low and his face radiating affection . . . he already felt much affection for her and wanted her to be his follower and his lady."

Like every good popular fiction-writer, Ms Thomas's plot is tangled. Maria goes off with a fellow Husky, the handsome, wandering Misha — "quickly and lightly, these two delighted creatures spun around the room". Bingo is thwarted. In the world of canine passion, it's dog eat dog.

"This is a book about dog consciousness," the author proclaims. "In the past even scientists have been led to believe that only human beings have thoughts or emotions. Of course, nothing could be further from the truth." And what emotions there are, in Ms Thomas's home at least, where every day is another episode of Doggie Dallas.

Ms Thomas has previously published works on the Kalahari bushmen, elephants, wolves and circus tigers, as well as two novels, but none has caused a stir to compare with her latest work. Her next book, *The Tribe of the Tiger: Cats and Their Culture*, will lay bare feline feelings in the same way.

Naturally, some zoologists have dismissed Thomas's work as unscientific and anecdotal. But her response is simple. "The assumption is, if you're not darting and banding and collaring them you're not being scientific," she told *Newsweek*. "That's horsefeathers. Observing is a perfectly valid scientific technique."

While it may be written in a rather glutinous style, Ms Thomas's book is nonetheless a fascinating account of the interaction between dogs, and between dogs and humans. The summit of a dog's desires, she concludes, somewhat unsurprisingly, is not his biscuits, his basket or human affection, but the company of other dogs. "Dogs who live in each other's company know they are understood," she maintains. Following Misha on his nightly forays, covering 130 square miles of suburban Cambridge, Massachusetts, she found that the dog's primary motivation was to meet, and dominate, as many other dogs as possible.

Ms Thomas is not alone in arguing that animal behaviour goes beyond mere instinct, that they can plan, cogitate and adapt. Her principal point is that dogs think differently from the way we do. Yet in her intimate portrait of her own dogs, specifically human emotions always seem to intrude.

For example, when one dog kills another's litter in accordance with the ancient hierarchy inherited from wolf ancestors, the murderer shows every symptom of human guilt. Dogs, her readers clearly believe, have feelings too and, what's more, they are just like ours.

The film rights to *The Hidden Life of Dogs* have been bought by (who else) the Walt Disney company. Lassie, how could we ever have doubted you?



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Nosing into the sinusitis season

Wet weather has led to an outbreak of colds and a rise in cases of sinus trouble, says Dr Thomas Stuttaford

A wet summer followed by a drenching and chilly October has resulted in an early outbreak of coughs and colds with an associated increase in cases of sinusitis.

Sinusitis is the inflammation of the sinuses within the bony structure of the face which open into the nasal passages. The maxillary sinuses within the cheekbone are the most commonly affected, followed by the frontal sinuses above the eyes, and the sinuses of the ethmoid and sphenoid bones behind the nose.

Most cases of acute sinusitis occur after a cold, when the nasal mucosa, the lining of the nose, can become so swollen that the openings to the sinuses are partly blocked. As the oxygen trapped within the sinuses is absorbed through its lining, a vacuum is created. This is partly filled by fluid secreted from the sinus mucosa, which is then readily infected by whatever bacteria or fungi have colonised the nasal passages.

In acute sinusitis, the patient feels ill and miserable with a congested nose and a greenish-yellow discharge. A headache, although generalised, is usually centred over the particular sinus. Maxillary sinusitis gives rise to pain and tenderness of the cheekbone, and frontal sinusitis similar symptoms over the eyes; the tenderness can be demonstrated by a sharp tap from the doctor's fingers.

Although sinusitis of the ethmoid and sphenoid also leads to a splitting headache because the bones are more deeply buried in the structure of the face, the pain is not so well localised. X-rays or scans confirm the diagnosis by demonstrating a thickened mucosa and fluid levels within the infected sinus.

Treatment of acute sinusitis relies on a long course of antibiotics. Augmentin is still the first choice, although in stubborn cases Ciproxin may be helpful. Steam inhalation and nasal congestants to shrink the engorged lining of the nose so that the sinuses may again drain are also prescribed.

Acute sinusitis of the maxillary sinus can also be a complication of an infected tooth root or dental surgery.

Chronic sinusitis may follow acute sinusitis, but whatever its precipitating cause, it is found that in over 80 per cent of patients with the chronic condition, there is also an allergic tendency. Such people are regular sufferers of hay fever and other forms of allergic rhinitis.

Surgery for chronic sinusitis has proved disappointing for both patients and ear, nose and throat surgeons. If a sinus washout does not solve the problem, surgeons traditionally improved drainage of the maxillary sinus by doing an antrostomy, in which an artificial hole is made into the sinus so it drains more readily into the nose. The Caldwell-Luc operation, popular for 70 years, was an extension of this in which the entire mucosal lining of the maxillary sinus was stripped.

Times have changed and patients treated by surgery now have a good chance of being relieved of their symptoms. Over the past ten years, ear, nose and throat surgeons have been perfecting sinus endoscopic surgery, originally developed in Australia, although the technique would never have been possible without the invention by British scientists of the scanner and also the flexible endoscope.

Ian Mackay, of the Charing Cross Hospital, west London, says that sinus endoscopic surgery, which is now performed by 30 per cent of British ear, nose and throat surgeons, has revolutionised the treatment of chronic sinusitis. His team has carried out 640 sinus endoscopic operations in the past three years. Eighty-seven per cent of patients were, in their own opinion, cured or improved.

By using an endoscopic technique, surgeons are able to visualise and operate on the sinus ostio-meatal complex; the delta where the drainage roots of the maxillary, frontal and ethmoid sinus meet, and where a bottleneck may develop. Traditionally, surgery has concentrated only on the drainage of the maxillary sinus; endoscopic surgery is able to relieve congestion of the maxillary, frontal, and ethmoid sinuses with great benefit to the patient, not only in improved results but in a saving in time spent in the ward. If the operation is not done as an outpatient procedure, a patient rarely spends more than a night in hospital.

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Behind-the-face view of the sinuses, the cavities lined with mucous membranes

Diseased diagnoses

Irrespective of whether Judge Prosser was correct in his judgment last week that Repetitive Strain Injury or RSI was a "meaningless" diagnosis which should have "no place in the medical textbooks", we should all be grateful to him for highlighting the burgeoning phenomenon of "non-disease".

"Non-disease" is not as might be imagined the absence of illness, but rather symptoms which are incorrectly attributed by doctors or believed by sufferers to be due to a genuine physical illness.

Virtually everyone in Britain over the age of 40 will have painful childhood memories of at least one fashionable non-disease — probably chronic tonsillitis. Nowadays virtually the only indication for removing tonsils is severe recurrent sore throats, but back in the 1950s it was a very different story.

It was argued that tonsils performed no useful function and so there was no harm in removing them — indeed it was even possible to excuse removing them when entirely normal on the grounds that this would prevent trouble in the future.

In a fascinating study of surgical decision-making, 1,000 children were examined by a panel of surgeons and 611 were thought to need tonsillectomies. The remaining 389 were re-examined by another panel and a further 174 were judged to need the operation. This process was repeated on two further occasions, after which only 65 out of the original 1,000 were allowed to keep their tonsils.

The tide only turned with the deaths of several children after "routine tonsillectomies". As soon as other doctors starting challenging the need for the operation, its popularity declined.

Not surprisingly, doctors in private practice are much more susceptible to this type of fashionable diagnosis — where it is commonly known as chronic lucrative non-disease. In America, it probably accounts for as many as half the operations performed. Although the prevalence of common diseases is the same as in Britain, American surgeons remove twice as many gall bladders, adenoids, haemorrhoids, breasts and uteruses per head of population as their British counterparts.

There are always doctors to find non-diseases such as RSI, and patients willing to exploit them

This, however, is only to scratch their surface of the phenomenon, which with the rising popularity of health screening has become protean in its manifestations. Clearly the more thoroughly that healthy people are screened to detect diseases they did not know they had, the more likely they will end up suffering from a non-disease.

There is, for example clinical non-disease — here the doctor hears an innocent heart murmur and suspects a leaking value or feels the edge of the liver in the abdomen (it should not be palpable), and issues warnings about the dangers of alcoholic liver disease. Each such finding requires in turn a round of anxiety-generating tests before it can be dismissed as non-significant.

Investigational non-disease is even more common. Biochemical tests for thyroid function, uric acid and cholesterol levels are now routinely throwing up a predictable proportion of "abnormal" results. As a result, thousands of people are being treated for an underactive thyroid, gout or excess cholesterol even though they are not actually suffering from these diseases.

RSI qualifies as a non-disease because although many people working in jobs involving repetitive movements do develop pain and loss of flexibility in the upper limbs — factory machinists, check-out operators, panel beaters and even keyboard workers — not everyone labelled as having RSI has the syndrome.

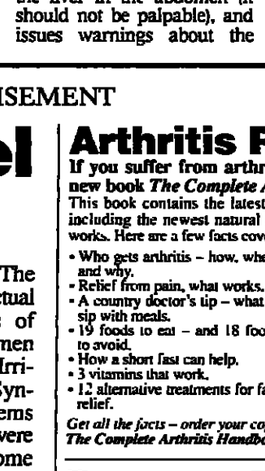
As such, RSI is a part of the epidemic of occupational non-disease in which perhaps as many as 60 per cent of patients receiving disability payments either have no disability or one that is not incompatible with other types of employment.

The crucial importance of identifying non-disease is that it opens up the way for appropriate management of the condition, which is usually non-treatment.

Three generations of children have benefited from the appropriate classification of "chronic tonsillitis" as a non-disease by being spared from having their tonsils removed. Equally patients labouring under the impression that they have gout or raised cholesterol levels are actually harming their health by taking drugs for diseases they do not have.

When RSI was offically labelled a non-disease in Australia in the mid-1980s, its incidence fell precipitously, sparing many keyboard workers the pain and disability of believing their work was harming their health.

DR JAMES LE FANU



Tonsillitis was the classic epidemic that never was

Saucy way to safer oysters

A chance discovery has taken raw shellfish off the danger list

People who look fearfully at the raw oyster on the half shell, wondering what strange bacteria lurk on its soft flesh, now have a safe way to snack. A research team at Louisiana State University has discovered that spicy New Orleans cocktail sauce, which must include Louisiana hot sauce, kills the rare but sometimes fatal microbes found in oysters.

The American Food and Drug Administration estimates that 5 to 10 per cent of oysters and other raw shellfish contain *vibrio vulnificus* bacteria. While not everyone reacts badly to it, people with allergies, diabetes, liver disease, cancer, or suppressed immune systems, because of Aids or other diseases, can become seriously ill or even die if they encounter the bacteria.

Cooking kills the bacteria, but until Dr Charles V. Sanders at the university's medical centre decided to test his long-held hot-sauce theory this year, it was not known that sauces were just as effective.

Dr Sanders and his team added Louisiana hot sauce to cultures of *vibrio vulnificus* in test tubes. The next day they discovered that the sauce had inhibited the *vulnificus* bacteria and some other organisms that can cause food poisoning. Even when the sauce was diluted to one part in 16, the bacteria still died within five minutes.

It is not yet clear whether the hot sauce works only on the plate or also in the stomach. Either way, it seems most effective and Dr Sanders told *The New York Times*: "I still eat raw oysters, but only with plenty of hot sauce."

Inspired by their success, the scientists tested other condiments but found the hot sauce was more effective than horseradish, lemon and ketchup, and combinations of the three which are often found in other cocktail sauces. Research is continuing into whether the bacteria are killed by an acid or some other ingredient in the hot sauce.

Vibrio vulnificus is found in the sea, particularly in warm waters, and has no link with pollution, which is a separate danger. Patients who react to the bacterium often get large blood blisters on their arms and legs from septicaemia. Other symptoms include fever, chills, sickness and stomach pains.

Dr Sanders tested six brands of local sauce, but presumably anything with the strong hot chilli pepper content is effective. His recommended brands for killing bacteria include Tabasco, which is widely available in Britain.

Although the Louisiana experiments concerned oysters, bacteria from the *vibrio* family can also be found in raw or undercooked clams, mussels or whole scallops. In healthy people stomach acid destroys most of them and the body's immune system cleans up the rest.

The problem is that raw seafood is sometimes kept by restaurants and shops alongside cooked shellfish, or at too high a temperature, and this can cause contamination.

Americans are now so obsessed with food poisoning from shellfish that the government has set up a free telephone seafood hotline which even receives calls from Britain. Each year Americans spend $30 billion on seafood — about 15lb for every person in the country.

The hotline director, Ruth Welch, says that most enquiries from chefs, shops and the public are about buying, storing and handling seafood, as well as questions about labels. But recently people have been asking for recipes; this is not part of the service.

Enquiries can be gruesome; one caller asked whether shark meat was tested to ensure the fish had not eaten a human. He was told no such test existed. Another wanted to know how intestines were removed from oysters, clams and mussels when they were eaten whole; in fact they remain in the creatures.

A free hotline for nervous shellfish eaters has been set up by the government

Several people asked why the flesh of canned tuna had grown darker over the past few years. This was caused by dolphin-friendly fishing which allowed the larger tuna with the whiter meat to escape.

"I was served escolar in a restaurant. What kind of fish is it?" asked one unhappy consumer, and found escolar is also known as castor oil fish and has purgative properties which can cause diarrhoea and cramps. The Food and Drugs Administration recommends it should not be served in restaurants.

For people still uneasy about crab-stick sandwiches, this is worth noting: a woman asked why imitation crab meat made from fin fish glowed in the dark when she took it from the fridge to feed her cat. Was it radioactive? Would her cat start to glow?

The FDA said the fake crab meat included bio-luminescent bacteria, a natural phenomenon which causes fish to glow in the dark.

Although they are generally thought to be harmless, the effect of eating luminous fish is still being studied and in the meantime she was told it might be better to buy tinned cat food.

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Up to 10 per cent of oysters contain dangerous bacteria

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■ What shall it profit a woman to sculpt her body if she should lose her brain?

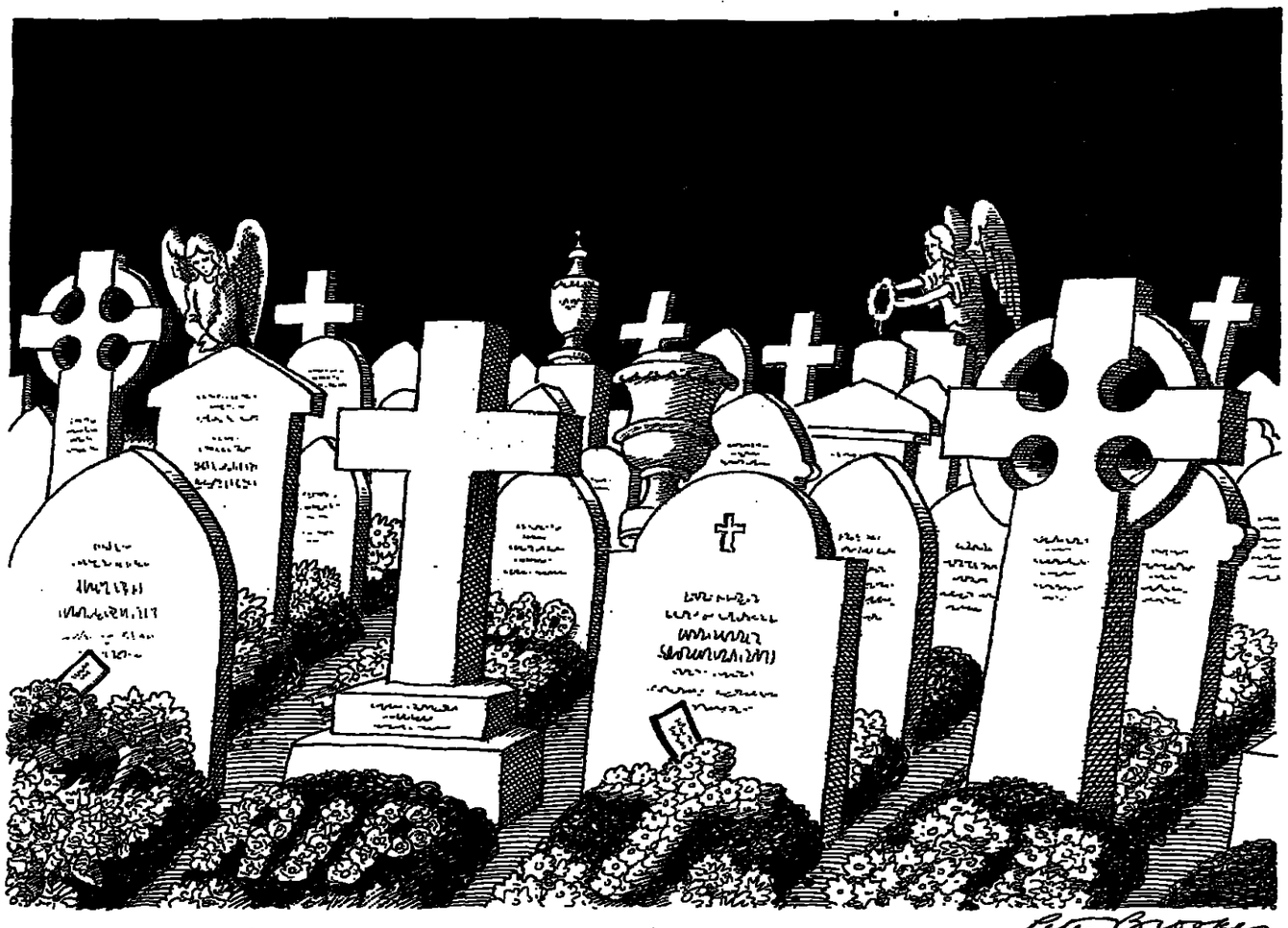
If I were Barbie, I would be rather hurt by the general reception given to my new *dance work-out video*. Amid all the hoots of derision, nobody bothers to see its significance from Barbie's own point of view — her amazing courage, after those years in a creative desert, to "pick up the pieces" and "go out on a limb". It's not easy being Barbie, you know. For one thing, how would *you* like it if your boyfriend (Ken) slept in a shoe-box, and melted on contact with radiators? You would feel pretty humiliated, obviously. But remember the publishing disaster of *Fear of Bending*, Barbie's teensy-weensy, reveal-all autobiography? Remember her public miniature fury when Claire Bloom snatched the lead in *A Doll's House*? Those drunken pavement cat-fights with Tressy outside a small scale model of the Limelight Club? Those whispers about the itsy-bitsy Betty Ford Clinic? Ah yes, it all comes back to you now, when it's too late, the damage done.

So why shouldn't she issue a dance work-out video? One thing to be said for Barbie is that she always kept her figure. Obviously there is a slight danger that if you adhered to Barbie's rigorous hamstring exercises you might end up with your feet (like hers) permanently pointed in a tip-toe — which means that unless you wear the right high heels, you for ever topple forwards and bang your bonce. But otherwise Barbie possesses precisely the same qualities as the other supermodels, whose exercise videos are bestsellers. She is plastic, perfect, self-absorbed, and her hair comes ready-lacquered. However, she is also very, very small; so you can derive a certain comfort from the thought that Richard Gere wouldn't glance at her twice (unless he crunched her *underfoot by mistake*).

Whether I shall buy *Dance Work-Out With Barbie* depends on my next fortnightly visit to the "Body-Sculpt" class, led by "Geri" at the local gym. A young woman whose abductor muscles are strung so tightly that they are visibly teetering on the edge of a breakdown, Geri is beginning to annoy me. She is Australian, white-blonde, long-legged and deep-tanned, with a face like Rosanna Arquette. She wears skimpy Lycra ensembles in purple and lime green with large interesting peep-holes cut from the sides, just to show that in places where the rest of us have grey-white crepey stuff (which cries aloud for elasticated containment, "Pants! Give us pants!"), she has taut brown skin, and that's all. I am beginning to hate the body-sculpt class. Sometimes I catch a glimpse of myself in the wall-to-wall mirror, lumbering out of step, and I think, "I don't have to do this, *Woodrow Wyatt doesn't do this*". Which shows to what levels of mental desiccation an envy of somebody's lime-green peep-holes can plunge you.

Barbie's work-out is for five-year-olds, of course. But so, in a way, is the body-sculpt class. In fact, few experiences in adult life so readily evoke the wretched emotions of the infants' playground as to be led in a mindless game of mimicry by a tyrannical bimbo shouting above the music, "Do this! Now do that! Back to this, again! Four of *these*! Two and two! Left leg, *right* leg, *right* leg, left leg! Left leg, right leg, right leg, left leg!" Noticeably, there is no camaraderie among Geri's brutalised troupe — just as there is none when you are five years old — so you can't heckle "Make your mind up, woman!" and expect to get a laugh and a breather. Under Geri's tutelage, the goody-goodies get all the steps right, the others do their earnest best, while I, the only no-hoper, clap my hands at the wrong moments and pray privately that the bell will soon ring for Two-Times Tables or Finger-Painting.

I wish Barbie success with her video. Children don't need it, obviously, but it will be good for the rest of us to face facts. See this dolly? This is what you want to look like! *This is what Geri looks like! But in any other* context she'd look very, very stupid! Apparently, in the video, Barbie doesn't do much of the actual dancing; someone called Kim takes over. Meanwhile Barbie presumably has a lie-down, phones her analyst, and then smokes a minuscule cigarette from a tiny box. Honestly, if this is a role model for today's children, I think we have little to fear.



Tycoon Tiny blows over

After nine gruelling and spectacular years, the Harrods row is over — a sad day for lawyers and columnists

Bernard Levin

News that Tiny Rowland and the Fayed Bros (purveyors of high-class foodstuffs to the nobility and gentry) have made up their quarrel, left me — somewhat to my astonishment — with curiously mixed feelings. When the battle commenced, nine years ago, I made a vow not to take sides. I vowed so, not only because I know when to come in from the rain, but more because I realised that "the spectator sees more of the game"; very early on, I began to realise that this war was going to be a protracted one, though of course neither I nor anybody else could have guessed at the length of hostilities, to say nothing of the ferocity with which the war was waged. But I did have an inkling that there would be a great deal of juice in that orange, and that there would also be great and many opportunities for rollicking laughter; and when it comes to a choice between laughter and going all po-faced, I am of the laughter camp and always will be.

Despite my vow to remain a non-combatant throughout, Mr Rowland or his minions would from time to time send me reports on the battle; many of these took the form of substantial volumes, with beautiful white covers and elegant lay-out. As a connoisseur of these matters, I realised in the first few paragraphs that my attempts, over the years, to notch up a reasonably substantial bouquet of libels were nothing but nursery rhymes and trivia compared to what Mr Rowland was hurling in the direction of the Knightsbridge grocers.

I once got one of these volumes not from Mr Rowland's headquarters but from a perfectly innocent clergyman, whose complaint was that he was regularly bombarded with Mr Rowland's charges about the Fayeds, though he knew and cared nothing about the battle except what he read in the headlines, and had never even set foot in Harrods; nor did he read the *Observer*. He sent me the specimen because he thought I might be in a position to stop the flood; I had to reply that on the contrary, I had myself by now a pile a foot high, and had no pull in the Rowland camp, and for that matter none in the Fayed one either. (Not long ago, I got a book from Asil Nadir in very much the same format as the Rowland ones, and indeed with contents very similar. I have not yet heard from my persecuted clergyman.)

Now anyone who followed, even intermittently, the Rowland-Fayed bouts, must be struck by the extraordinary tenacity demonstrated by Mr Rowland; after all, his fortune by then was colossal, and he could truthfully say that he had made his moolah by his own talents. Why then, did he spend almost a decade, and countless millions of pounds, in seeking that elusive Grail?

For answer, hear this:

> Pressure is mounting on the beleaguered directors of the Savoy Hotel, Britain's flagship luxury hotels chain, to abandon their two-tier share structure and make a definitive peace deal with Forte chairman Rocco Forte . . . Some have suggested he might sell his stake. Others have hinted that he would inject some of his grand hotels, such as the Ritz in Madrid, into Savoy to create an international luxury chain. Such a move would reduce the Savoy's dependence on the London hotel market and . . . benefit from broader marketing links. Forte's tie-up with the cash-strapped Ciga group involving it injecting cash and hotels into the Italian company in return for control shows where its ambitions lie.

I do not, of course, understand a single word of all this gibberish, but I do not need to. For I can remember the earliest days of the battle between Lord Forte and the late Sir Hugh Wontner for possession of the Savoy Hotel. Indeed, I wrote about both the Forte battle and the Harrods one, and this column today is really only a breather between rounds. For although the Rowland-Fayed armistice is clearly permanent (though even now, I would not bet my life *and* my entire fortune on the impossibility of further fisticuffs), and it also seems that the Savoy-Forte struggle is coming to an end, there must be, lurking in the wings or indeed strutting in the centre of the stage, further struggles in the boardroom, the newspapers and the courts, among and between names we do not yet know, but which will in a few years be filling first the city pages, then the features pages, and finally the front pages.

What is more, one of these names is already in the first division and about to move into the second; a place in the third cannot be far off now. For there is now a wonderful, and wonderfully timed, possibility that another battle is to break out, a battle that will encompass a name all too familiar where battles are to be considered. Would you believe that Mr Rowland, hardly half an hour after he signed a pact of friendship at Harrods, may be embroiled in another disputation?

As I write, the differences between Mr Rowland and Dieter Bock, the new joint chief-executive of Lonrho, cannot as yet be classified as hostilities; Mr Rowland has not raised his voice, and it may all blow over with handshakes and embraces. But that takes me right back to the beginning of this comment. I said that I viewed the Rowland-Fayed do with mixed feelings; I went on to say that when I examined those feelings I was astonished. For I find myself — of all things — disappointed.

Now when I see men fighting in the streets, I make haste to go away. This is obviously because I would not like to be dragged into fisticuffs which are nothing to do with me. But it is also something else: there is nothing in me of a scrapper; but there is much in me of watching scrappers at scrap. To put it plainly, I want, in my next incarnation, to be a referee. And that is why I was disappointed to find Mr Rowland and the Fayeds all smiles and friends. In no conceivable circumstances, even if I had billions upon billions upon billions of money, would I lock horns with a rival financier over, say, an acquisition that both of us would want. But when it comes to two other rivals, I buy a ticket for the best stalls in the house. (How I should have loved to be at that auction a month or two ago when all the bidders but two had dropped out and a piece of ancient machinery with a reserve of some thousands was bid up to seven million!)

I wonder, now that the Rowland-Fayed battle is over, whether Mr Rowland regrets not the money that was wasted, nor the time and energy, but what would be seen by practically everybody watching, the sheer absurdity of his *idée fixe*. Oh, we can all be obstinate; from the day we can speak, we practise saying to mother "won't, *won't*, WON'T". I, too, have clung too long to a belief, a conviction, a principle, a denial, even a person; but not, I think, on the scale of Mr Rowland's. Mr Rowland can say that my mundane concerns are momentary and insubstantial, when his involve hundreds of millions of pounds. But that won't do, for the whole point of his nine-year battle was that it was *entirely sui generis; in his offices there* must have been an entire room holding nothing but papers dealing with the Fayed battle.

I wonder whether Rocco Forte feels as intensely about the Savoy as his father did? Certainly, Lord Forte seemed as obsessed as Mr Rowland; particularly because the share-structure of the Savoy made it virtually impossible for him to break through — all he saw was the infuriating smile of Sir Hugh Wontner. But surely those things cannot be hereditary; Forte junior may act in filial homage, but in his father there must have been a special drive.

Well, no one will hear me say "There, *but for the grace of God, goes Levin*". At least, no one will hear me say it in the context of a boardroom battle or anything like it, and that is partly because I have just enough sense to keep out of such shenanigans, but much more because I want, while there are bloody noses all around, to be seen doing nothing more dangerous than making notes about the fight for my next column.

Stop the IRA in its tracks

Woodrow Wyatt urges toughness against terrorism

Tomorrow Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, meets Dick Spring, deputy to the Taoiseach. The talks will be useless, like all talks with Dublin for the past 20 years, unless Sir Patrick insists on, and wins, the precondition that Dublin forthwith promises immediate deletion of Articles II and III of the Republic's constitution, which assert sovereignty over Northern Ireland. We live in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: Northern Ireland is as much a part of it as Liverpool, which cannot be subsumed into the Republic even if every Liverpudlian wishes it.

Mr Spring has condescendingly promised no change in the present status of Northern Ireland "without the fully expressed consent of the people of Northern Ireland . . . unless and until they are persuaded by democratic political means". Which, correctly interpreted by the IRA, means that if bombings and slaughter in Northern Ireland and on Britain's mainland are intensified, Northern Ireland can be coerced into voting to join the Republic to stop the murdering; and that we, weary of endless violence, *will remove our troops*. Referendum voting and parliamentary elections have confirmed that the great majority in Northern Ireland, including many Roman Catholics, do not want Dublin to rule. Sir Patrick must categorically veto further polls on the issue, *which would escalate terrorism by the* IRA and by fanatical Protestants who disgustingly call themselves "freedom fighters" and "Loyalists" respectively.

Two basic reasons caused the troubles. The first, as in the former Yugoslavia, is racism, not religion. Understandably, resentment stays deep in the psyche of the indigenous Irish against the imposition on them by James I of Scottish and English settlers (mainly Protestant) who were given lands and power. The indigenous Irish are a fine and talented race, and our joint culture would be far poorer without them. Descendants of the settlers, such as Oscar Wilde and Bernard Shaw, with their special Anglo-Irish culture, had reason to feel they, too, had become indigenous. Can the Irish, who secured 27,136 square miles of territory compared with Northern Ireland's 5,206, never let bygones be bygones?

The second reason for continuing violence is love of killing as the most dangerous and exciting sport of all, masquerading as noble patriotism whether pursued by IRA or "Loyalist" youth. There has been no amelioration over the past 10,000 years of the cruelty lurking behind our veneer of civilisation. It is particularly directed at foreigners or strangers, reaching fearful heights of malevolence against those among whom we have lived as friends but whom we now parade as hated enemies to be destroyed with bestial cruelty.

An instinct of young men is to show prowess in battle: without formal enemies, groups who seem to be different, as Hitler persuaded the Germans that the Jews were, become the targets. Those susceptible to this style of propaganda, who are the chief activists in this terrorism, should be promptly interned. There is ample intelligence as to who the villains are, and if new leaders arise while they are incarcerated, they too can be quickly identified. Rejection of internment by Dublin must not deter us.

We should also speedily introduce identity cards, for which there is overwhelming support. The Home Office wetly says this would upset the civil liberties lobby, and adds, from sheer ignorance of modern technology, that the cost would be £15-20 per head, plus start-up costs of perhaps £350 million. In the House of Lords on July 7, there was all-party support for identity cards. Lord Mason, Labour's last secretary for Northern Ireland, remarked: "The Baltic Exchange blast cost insurers £350 million, and the Bishopsgate bomb cost £400 million."

Apart from the costs of setting up the system, identity cards could probably be issued for £5-10 a head. With computer technology advancing at unimaginable speed, they could carry fingerprints and photographs, plus complete information about any criminal record. A policeman would merely take a suspicious person to the nearest police station, and within three or four seconds he could discover from the central computer whether the holder's card was genuine or whether he was a wrong'un, possibly connected with the IRA, or in private business as a mugger or burglar.

I wouldn't mind having my fingerprints on an identity card, or any details of a criminal record (so far not acquired). Only criminals resent intrusion on their "civil liberties"; the innocent do not. Terrorist bombings would rapidly decline, as would other crimes now alarming the nation. The police want identity cards. Credit card companies, defrauded of billions every year, would love them. And the prime minister wants them, to eliminate a yearly £5 billion of fraud on social security payments. The Home Office should wake up.

As for Ireland, the oft-suggested alternative of removing our troops would stand everything on its head. The million Northern Irish not wishing to be ruled from Dublin have superior military organisational skills to the Republic (Field Marshals Alexander, Auchinleck, Alanbroke and Montgomery were Anglo-Irish). If there were a serious threat of Irish unification, they would soon capture Dublin and occupy the Republic. Then where would we all be?

Snarl at the week

WHAT has happened to nice Melvyn Bragg? Is he, colleagues at the BBC are wondering, turning into a rottweiler? Last week he savaged *William* ("*William*, William, William . . .") Cash, son of Eurosceptic MP Bill Cash, about his book *Educating William*. Fair enough, you might say, but yesterday morning Bragg was on the offensive again, roasting Jack Jaffé, whose only sin was being an expert on board games, and telling the writer Kathy Lette that he disliked her book *Foetal Attraction*.

His new ferocious approach has prompted mutterings in the corridors of Broadcasting House. Have the millions Bragg earned on his LWT shares turned his head? Libby Purves, presenter of *Midweek*, is tactful: "I have noticed a change. It is very interesting. He has a new producer — Mary Sharp — and all presenters change slightly when they get a new producer or lose their old one." Purves will not, however, elaborate — "My studio is next door."

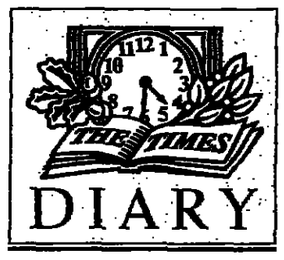
Sharp insists Bragg has not changed his approach. "He is just very honest — he was not very keen on Kathy Lette's book, so he said so. I certainly do not cast people who will disagree with him — he is an intelligent presenter and I could not predict how he will feel towards people. I think he's rather enjoying himself at the moment."

Other BBC presenters are not so sure. One says: "He is now part of the Establishment, yet also desperate to prove that he is not. His last producer kept him under her thumb. Mary Sharp is a lot nicer and tells him how lovely he is." Except on Monday morning, it seems.

Ripping yarn

JACK THE RIPPER was Welsh. Or so argued the Welsh-language programme *Helstaeon* on Sunday night, naming Dr William Evans Thomas as its chief suspect for the 105-year-old murders. Thomas lived in the village of Aberffraw on Anglesey, except for a crucial period in 1888, when he lived in Spitalfields.

Gwyn Llewelyn, the presenter, says there are four planks of evidence. "First, his appearance. He was well dressed with a fob watch. So was the Ripper. He was a doctor and so dissected his victims pretty efficiently. He lived in the right place. Finally, the murders were committed in 1888, after which he returned to Aberffraw in a high state of distress and in June 1889 killed himself."



John Wilding, whose new book *Jack the Ripper Revealed* proposes that Montague Druitt and James Stephen were together responsible, is dismissive. "It's more likely that this doctor returned home to Wales exhausted by the number of patients."

Dressing down

PRESENTATION was top of the agenda at a hush-hush meeting of Tory party high-fliers and prospective candidates held by the right-wing Conservative Way Forward group at the weekend.

While most of the assorted parliamentary hopefuls turned up at the Gatwick hotel in suits, Lord Parkinson, in the chair, arrived in lumberjack shirt, cashmere sweater and well-worn cords.

"He was taken to the cleaners as an example of how you can overdo casual dress," says one of the 40 prospective candidates at the get-together. But Mary Spillane, managing director of image consultants Colour Me Beautiful, who was hired to dispense dress tips, says if anyone could get away with it, it's Parkinson. "When you are an elder statesman and you have made it, you can break all the rules," she says, before observing that Parkinson could have done with a sports jacket to add gravitas. She also had some sartorial advice for John Major. "He has a pear shape, so looks much better in a European suit. The cut is more generous." Must be those opt-outs.

● *More signs of a less relaxed attitude towards the media at No 10. Instead of lounging in two old comfy armchairs, John Major's press secretary Gus O'Donnell and his deputy Jonathan Haslam now sit in upright red leather chairs to face the massed ranks of the lobby, who in turn fight for places on a matching red Chesterfield. Lobby correspondents are now dreading the arrival of O'Donnell's replacement, Chris Meyer, a notorious red-sock wearer. As one put it: "He's going to clash horribly."*

Pollution allowance

WHILE MPs agonise about voting themselves a 5 per cent pay rise tomorrow, a conspiracy of silence strangely afflicts them all when questioned on one of the most lucrative perks — their mileage allowance.

The reason for their reticence is simple. A distinctly "ungreen" system still operates, which favours big, gas-guzzling cars. For while MPs can claim a mere 28.8p a mile for the first 20,000 miles in a 1300cc saloon, the allowance jumps to 68.2p a mile for cars of 2300cc or above. Hence a preponderance of Daimlers in the Commons car park.

By comparison, the Treasury recommends a top rate for civil servants of 46p a mile for a 2000cc car, dropping to 30p a mile after the first 4,000 miles, to discourage car use. Former transport minister and enthusiastic cyclist Peter Bottomley believes the present system is indefensible. "Now that even the smallest car has no difficulty getting up to 70 mph, which is the legal speed limit, I think there is no need for the higher allowance and some argument for having a lower one." The Daimlers' days could be numbered.



Mugs game

BUSY days for Buckingham Palace. Such is the demand for royal mugs and tea-towels that although the Palace closed its gates to visitors at the beginning of October, it still has not managed to post souvenirs to all those who filled in mail-order forms more than two months ago.

Barri Bowitt, a royal-lover from Nottingham who ordered a bowl, mug and chocolates in August, has been told he will not receive anything until the end of November. He says: "The lady I spoke to when I ordered said it would be done by return of post. Now it won't be until the end of this month. They were supposed to be birthday presents."

It may not be any consolation, but Bowitt is not alone. Dickie Arbiter, press officer for the Royal Collection Trust, says: "Nothing could be processed before the closure of the Palace in October, but they will start going out in the next two weeks. We have had tens of thousands of mail-order applications, and have a few people dealing with it full-time here. People should just hang in there and have a little bit of patience."

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AN INSECURE POLICY

If not internment, then what?

To supporters of the Anglo-Irish Agreement, John Major's statement to the Commons yesterday on Ulster must have seemed an uplifting vindication of the dialogue between London and Dublin in the last eight years. After the bloody horrors of the last ten days, he and Albert Reynolds, the Irish prime minister, had agreed a "clear basis for progress" in the North: there were signs of "constitutional reform in the Irish Republic" — code for changes to Articles 2 and 3 which assert the South's claim to the province. Above all, the taoiseach had at last acknowledged the right of Unionists to withhold their consent to change.

Violence breeds false hopes as readily as it spawns fear. In spite of Mr Major's optimism and the suggestion of new British proposals for talks, there is still little reason to see the Anglo-Irish Agreement as a plausible basis for peace in Northern Ireland. It has failed to drive Sinn Fein to the political margins, as this year's local elections showed. It has yet to produce the agreements on extradition, hot pursuit and border arrangements that were hoped for eight years ago.

Though security co-operation between North and South has improved, the enormous price paid in the militarisation and alienation of the Unionist community has not been justified. A growing number of Protestants fear that they are being abandoned by stages. The current wave of loyalist terrorism cannot be ended by the very diplomatic structures against which it is a reaction.

A government facing a policy dilemma as ancient and intractable as the Irish question should be forgiven the occasional inconsistency and the occasional economy with the truth. But the general direction of policy needs to be clear. The prime minister has claimed to be "four-square behind" the Union. Yet his Northern Ireland secretary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, has also said that Britain has "no selfish interest" in the province, which it would "very happily release". Even when invited yesterday to rule out the possibility of an amnesty for the men of violence, Mr Major declined to do so.

Whatever promises the prime minister has made to the Unionist MPs upon whose parliamentary support he depends, the implicit direction of his policy seems clear: towards some version of joint rule between London and Dublin. For the Irish government, this prospect accords with its own piously federalist vision of Europe in which North and South would co-operate as political cogs of the post-Maastricht machine which came into being yesterday. But as last week's Brussels summit showed, these federalist assumptions are already faded. If joint rule it is to be, Mr Major and Mr Reynolds must at least make their intentions clear and explain (if they can) how such a constitutional arrangement might fit into a decentralised Europe.

More immediately, the British government must answer those who yesterday called for tighter security measures than the Anglo-Irish Agreement has delivered. They must respond to the advocates of selective internment with greater precision. The familiar arguments against such a step have force. Internment might well act as a recruiting sergeant for both sides of the paramilitary divide, or provoke even greater violence, as it did in the 1970s when 21 people were killed within three days.

But internment should not be dismissed out of hand or on principle. It has worked before, in the 1930s when De Valera imposed it in the South and in 1962 when it ended a long IRA campaign of violence. The intelligence services' information on the identity of terrorists has improved markedly in the last twenty years. Internment, if introduced today, would be applied to Republican and loyalist terrorists with equal rigour and impartiality. It could not be misrepresented as a sectarian measure. The government may reject such arguments as the counsels of despair; but, regrettably, it has yet to prove it can do better.

MERCURY RISES

At last BT has been stung into a competitive response

Amid all the arguments about Lady Thatcher's legacy, few now question the success of privatisation. From all over the world, civil servants have come to Britain to learn how to sell their state-owned industries. Loss-making companies, badly managed and overmanned, have become sleeker, profitable enterprises. Shareholders have seen their investments handsomely repaid, with dividend growth outstripping inflation.

However, in a political climate in which service to the consumer is supposedly prized above all, these boasts fail to answer the biggest question. Is the customer better served? Or, more subtly, have consumers won a fair share of the efficiency improvements brought about by privatisation?

The answer varies greatly according to the industry in question. Where there has been strong regulation, and particularly when it has been combined with real competition, privatisation has brought about big improvements for the consumer. Tough regulation, even without competition, has pushed domestic gas bills down sharply in real terms (though by less than gas prices for commercial and industrial users, where competition has also been at play). Yet water companies have been allowed by their regulator to pass on to consumers all the costs of capital investment. As a result, bills have risen by an average 32 per cent in real terms since 1989.

Yesterday's announcement by BT of large price cuts for weekend calls shows that competition is at last beginning to produce rewards for domestic telephone users. Until recently, BT's monopoly position was barely threatened by its competitor, Mercury, which was was little more than a fly landing on a horse's rump. But now BT seems to have been stung into a response.

Already the smaller company claims to have over 10 per cent of the national telecommunications market and is aiming for 25 per cent by the end of the decade. As well as offering big savings on long distance and international calls on conventional telephones, Mercury recently launched a mobile phone service, called One-2-One, which gives the subscriber free local calls at evenings and weekends.

In comparison with Americans, Britons are reluctant users of the telephone. That is partly because charges have historically been high. If competition can instil a culture in which people no longer see a telephone conversation as a race against the clock, the market will expand, consumers will benefit, and families and friends will be able to talk to each other more.

None of this is to underestimate the role of regulation. Oftel, the telecommunications watchdog, has successfully forced BT to keep price rises below the rate of inflation. For the next few years, charges will actually have to be cut in nominal terms if inflation remains low. But it is competition that determines where the price cuts fall. When Mercury started competing for business users, it was business that benefited most from BT cuts. Now that Mercury has moved into the home sector, private users are at last being treated more as customers to be wooed than subscribers to be taken for granted.

Regulation will always be needed in telecommunications, if only to ensure that telephone boxes remain in remote places and that people who want the security of a phone for emergencies are not penalised by exorbitant standing charges and rentals. But it is real competition, not regulation, that will eventually ensure the best deal for the consumer. Mercury has made a flying start.

BRITISH BRUTES

Old tales still wag the beast

It now appears that a polecat may have been the thing that made a splash on the front pages of some newspapers last week as "the beast of Bodmin". Polecat is resurgent. This large, evil-smelling member of the weasel tribe has recolonised mainland Wales, and is now seen in parts of England which it has not visited for years.

Mustela putorius, the stinking musk-carrier, was for centuries persecuted as one of the most vicious and hungry predators on these islands. Its unsavoury reputation, similar to that of the skunk, has lingered on, so that Michael Foot was intelligible even in the most lace-curtained, suburban Britain when he described Norman Tebbit as that contradiction of nature, "a semi-house-trained polecat".

But so much for probability and truth. The "beast of Bodmin" is no more likely to go away quietly than is Lord Tebbit. Belief in unidentifiable and dangerous beasts is part of the British idiosyncrasy, and not amenable to natural explanation. We British flatter ourselves with the notion that we are level-headed and cynical. Our philosophers are empirical, too sceptical to go in for the sophistry and ideology of Continental metaphysicians. John Bull is seen as solid and pragmatic, doubtful, perhaps a little unimaginative, but difficult to hoodwink.

This national stereotype is nonsense, as such labels usually are. Britain is the home of superstition, especially when it comes to mysterious beasts, perhaps because the native fauna are so small and inoffensive. It is no accident that the supporters of the royal coat of arms are such exotic creatures as the lion and the unicorn. Sir John Mandeville had his tall stories of beasts with six feet, "and on each foot are two claws, long, huge and sharp"; the *Mappa Mundi* in Lincoln Cathedral shows the Bonnacon, an ox-like animal that defends itself by rocket-launched defecation. These were merely best-selling forerunners of the art form at which Britain still excels, improbable stories of wild animals. The Loch Ness monster and the Yeti or Abominable Snowman are creations that were invented to suit the British taste for beasts. Documentaries of odd, anthropomorphic behaviour by animals are television that Britain does best.

In a country where the most evocative words in detective literature are, "they were the footprints of a giant hound" the poor stinking polecat has no hope of coming back into its proper place in conservationist reality. Credulity — from *The Hound of the Baskervilles* to Bodmin's beast — is not a crime. Glittering yellow eyes and vast pawprints sate a great British appetite.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Whitehall threat to local powers

From the Chief Executive of Norfolk County Council

Sir, A month ago Mr Gummer published draft new guidance for the Local Government Commission in its work on the review of local government structures (report, September 29, early editions). The commission has been told to speed up the whole process and deliver a set of proposals for all the shire county areas of England by the end of 1994.

Since then Mr David Curry, minister for local government and planning, has indicated that, contrary to what the government said when the review process was approved by Parliament, the commission is to restrict its proposals primarily to unitary authorities of a population range of 150,000-250,000 — i.e., larger than most districts and smaller than shire counties. This is before the people in each locality have been asked their views.

If, as a result, county-wide and regional strategy has to be delivered by multi-departmental government offices in the regions, and police, fire, probation, magistrates, etc are run by new-style boards with "salaried" chairmen appointed by the relevant minister — what will have happened to the principle of local government? If schools are forced down the path of grant-maintained schools, and social services are absorbed into the new health service structure, there will not be much for locally elected councillors to do.

Such centralism does little for the principle of subsidiarity, nor does it provide a pluralistic power structure. Those who believe local government is an important part of our constitution should speak up before it disappears in substance, if not in form, and all power is wielded by London.

Yours faithfully,
B. J. CAPON,
Chief Executive,
Norfolk County Council, Norwich.
November 1.

Tories and education

From Dr Richard Aldrich

Sir, William Rees-Mogg's warning ("Slumping into secession", October 28) on the vulnerability of current administrations (five G7 governments have been overturned in the last 18 months) and on the possible exclusion of such parties from office for many years is timely.

Since the Conservative party's advent to power in 1979, notwithstanding the development of an enterprise culture, the essential problems of the British economy have been compounded by the further decline of the nation's industrial base. Hard times are here. A £50 billion deficit cannot be explained away, and massive Conservative defeats are likely both in the local and European elections of 1994 and at the next general election.

The prospect of such defeats, and of exclusion from office for many years to come — a fate which, as Lord Rees-Mogg pointed out, befell those governments perceived to be responsible for the economic calamities of the early 1930s — should give John Major and his colleagues pause for thought.

The main thrust of recent Conservative legislation has been to centralise power, and to destroy or seriously weaken those institutions deemed to provide refuge for political opponents, such as the local education authorities and the universities.

Conservative governments have promoted the doctrine that all individuals and institutions are fair game for central government. It should be no surprise if their successors follow their example, perhaps by imposing the national curriculum and national testing on independent schools, or indeed by abolishing such schools.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD ALDRICH,
Institute of Education,
University of London,
20 Bedford Way, WC1.

Put out more flags

From Mr James H. Robertson

Sir, John Patten and your readers (letters, October 28, 30) may be interested to know that our national flag flies at Montrose Town Buildings every day of the week.

I refer, of course, to the saltire of St Andrew.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. ROBERTSON,
194 High Street, Montrose, Angus.
November 1.

Deterrents to crime

From Sir Ralph Kilner Brown

Sir, From my experience over 50 years of dealing with criminals in the area of robbery, burglary, theft and fraud, I regard the strongest deterrent is the likelihood of getting caught (letters, October 27 etc). Those of us who defended the Great Train Robbers learnt after it was all over that the guilty participants had expected swingeing sentences if they were convicted. But they believed that the odds on detection and conviction were in their favour.

Those — and I am one — who have suffered from burglary know to their dismay that the majority of offences are never resolved. If more criminals were caught and punished, there would, it is true, be a temporary additional requirement for custodial or other treatment. In the long run, once it was understood by the criminally minded that detection and conviction were a probability, there would be less crime and fewer criminals to deal with.

Yours faithfully,
RALPH KILNER BROWN,
174 Defoe House, Barbican, EC2.

From Professor S. A. Feldman

Sir, May I recommend a more scientific use of the statistics used to support various claims about the value of jail sentences in preventing crime.

If one is investigating the effect of treatment A (jail) upon a disease process B (crime), then it is essential to have a matched control group who receive no treatment. Only then can the significance of a 75 to 80 per cent recurrence (reoffending) rate be established. At present we do not know whether a jail sentence successfully prevents 20 to 25 per cent of criminals reoffending.

For additional scientific validity the treatment should be carried out at two different levels of intensity, so that the effect of short and long sentences are compared with the control group.

Yours sincerely,
STANLEY FELDMAN
(Professor of Anaesthetics,
Magill Department, Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School),
28 Moore Street, SW3.

More chess points for Nigel Short

From Mr D. G. Marvin

Sir, Thank you for sponsoring the chess match of champions, which I am sure gave everyone who watched it great satisfaction. Nigel Short can feel proud and encouraged by his efforts.

The Professional Chess Association is meeting to discuss, among other things, the length of future championships. May I suggest it also considers introducing a new scoring format which could make it more interesting for the spectator.

The present system of awarding one point for a win and half a point for a draw does not, in my opinion, reward the player defending with the black pieces when he either wins or draws the game.

I would like to see 1½ points given for a white win; half a point for a white draw; two points for a black win; and one point if black should draw.

The player playing with the white pieces may think twice before offering a draw as well as a half-point advantage to his opponent.

Kasparov won five games with white and one with black and Short won one game with white. If the remaining 13 games had been drawn, say seven to Kasparov as white and six as black, then the scores after game 20 would read 19½ to 11½.

If this had been a 20-game match, the total points available at the start would have been 35, but the match could still have gone the full length with the eventual winner not even getting half of those points to win.

No longer would it be considered an advantage to draw the white pieces and perhaps more games would reach conclusions other than precipitate draws.

Yours faithfully,
D. G. MARVIN,
New House, Milling Crescent,
Aylburton, Gloucestershire.
October 25.

From Mr P. J. Meade

Sir, If we deduct the point awarded to Spassky when Fischer failed to appear for one of the games, the score in their 1972 match for the world chess title becomes 12½-7½, the same score as in the Kasparov-Short match just ended.

At the time of the Fischer-Spassky match, Fischer had the highest rating ever recorded on the Elo international ranking scale and Spassky had reigned as world champion for the past three years. In 1993 Kasparov came to the match with Short with a rating even higher than that achieved by Fischer.

Viewed in the light of these facts, there can surely be no question that Short was a worthy challenger for the world title. An interesting contrast is provided by the time factor in each match: Fischer always had time to spare whereas Kasparov was often in time trouble.

Yours faithfully,
P. J. MEADE,
Luccombe,
Coronation Road,
South Ascot, Berkshire.
October 25.

VAT cost to welfare

From Mr Daniel Phelan

Sir, The chairmen and directors of several national charities have expressed trepidation at the prospect of the removal of VAT zero-rating from printing and newspapers (letter, October 18), but this is the thin end of a wedge. The Imperial Cancer Research Fund, the director of which was among the signatories, has an annual VAT bill of £1.2 million, a sum identical to the annual running costs of its new cancer unit at the Churchill Hospital, at Headington, Oxford.

My magazine is the leading provider of professional information for non-governmental organisations (NGOs), particularly those with charitable status. If zero-rating is abolished on other items their irrecoverable bill will climb remorselessly. Applying VAT fully to domestic fuel will cost the Abbeyfield Society, which houses the elderly, £500,000 more a year. Applying it to new buildings will cost the Royal National Lifeboat Institution £600,000 and Methodist Homes for the Aged £400,000 more annually. The VAT burden on the Royal National Institute for the Blind for passenger transport would cost about £125,000 a year and on Mencap for food about £210,000.

The charitable sector has been wary of bringing these facts to public attention. It fears that the generosity of the average British donor would be severely stretched if he, or more frequently she, was aware that a significant part of their largess was going straight to the Treasury.

Many countries, notably Canada and Belgium, operate a VAT refund scheme for charities. It is now time to implement one for the UK.

Yours sincerely,
DANIEL PHELAN (Editor),
The NGO Finance Magazine,
Plaza Publishing Ltd,
3a Rectory Grove, SW4.
October 29.

Charity volunteers

From Baroness Faithfull

Sir, The prime minister ("Major reassures charities on tax", October 20, later editions) has given much encouragement to the voluntary sector, which is supported both by volunteers, in the personal services which they give, and by those who put so much effort into raising money for charities.

One dimension should be addressed, and that is the need for partnership between the voluntary sector, the government and local authorities. Many essential residential homes and schools, particularly for children who are disturbed, handicapped or delinquent, are in danger of closing.

Central and local government state that, although they need such projects, they have no resources to take advantage of the good services offered in the voluntary sector.

Such homes and schools provide a valuable resource which may increasingly be lost to the country and which will eventually have to be resourced in full by central and local government.

Yours faithfully,
LUCY FAITHFULL,
House of Lords.
October 28.

From the Chief Executive of Arthritis Care

Sir, Mr Major has pledged to cut regulations obstructing voluntary work and has said public services need to be supported by more volunteers, but government policies are discouraging people from volunteering.

Unemployed people on benefit have to be "available for work"; the voluntary organisations which have spent money training them would like compensation if they leave rapidly for a paid job. How can a public service rely on volunteers who may leave at any moment?

Yours faithfully,
R. GUTCH,
Chief Executive,
Arthritis Care,
18 Stephenson Way, NW1.
October 29.

Aboriginal funeral

From the Director of the Royal Anthropological Institute

Sir, The return of the remains of Tambo Tambo from Cleveland, Ohio, to his descendants in northern Australia (report, later editions, October 30) will enable funeral rites to be completed after a lapse of a century, and ought to provoke reflection about this chapter in the exploitation of the Aboriginal people by Victorian circus managers and, alas, anthropologists.

By coincidence, our honorary secretary, Roslyn Poignant, having already published a paper on the tragic lives of this group of Aborigines who travelled for Barnum and Bailey, happened to be working in a circus museum in San Antonio, during a study tour to follow up their itinerary in the USA, when she heard of the discovery of Tambo's mummified body.

The belief that, unless proper funerary rites are carried out, a spirit will wander restlessly is not confined to Australian Aborigines and is something we can all understand.

Tambo's return to his homeland is an opportunity for symbolic reparation, in which his descendants have already played their part by asking Mrs Poignant, a white Australian, to ensure that it is done with dignity.

Yours etc,
JONATHAN BENTHALL,
Director,
Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland,
50 Fitzroy Street, W1.

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Water scheme for the Gaza desert

From Mr Edmund L. de Rothschild

Sir, On June 28, 1967, after the Six Day War I wrote a letter in your paper about the possibility of resettling Arab refugee families in the El Arish area of the Sinai peninsula on the Mediterranean shore.

On February 18, 1988, you published a further letter from me suggesting a possible offer to 17,000 families of housing and land in the area, using desalted water either from the brackish local aquifer or from the Mediterranean, by means of a channel which would utilise the fall in the height of land to generate power.

In view of the current talks between Israel and the PLO, now may be the opportunity to revive this ambitious project.

It might be possible for the land in the northern Sinai triangle, Raphia/El Arish/Abu Agheila, an area of some 125,000 acres or three times the irrigable area of Israel in 1967, to be developed for the inhabitants of the Gaza strip.

Would it then be possible for this area from Egypt to be leased to the new entity of the Gaza strip so as to alleviate the overcrowding in that area? In return the following projects for Egypt might be undertaken as compensation:

1. The complete reparation and restoration of the Aswan dam on the Nile.
2. The piping of water from the Mediterranean down to the Qattara depression in Egypt to generate electricity and make available desalted water from the large underground reservoir of brackish aquifers there.

This might be one of the options for helping those in the Gaza strip and also the increasing population of Egypt. New areas could be made available for irrigation and settlement.

Yours very truly,
EDMUND de ROTHSCHILD,
Estate Office, Exbury,
Nr Southampton, Hampshire.
October 29.

Police discipline

From Commander Eric Humphrey

Sir, After reading Mr Hugh Davies (letter, October 26) on Metropolitan Police discipline hearings, readers may welcome reassurance.

In all cases where an officer's retention in the service or of rank is in jeopardy legal representation is offered and the case for the presenting officer put by a barrister. The whole process is statutory, with at present a right of appeal to the home secretary, who is advised by a tribunal chaired by a legally qualified person. In addition, the system is subject to overview by the High Court.

In all cases, whether arising from public complaint or internal investigation, in which a potential criminal offence is disclosed the Crown Prosecution Service is consulted.

Yours faithfully,
ERIC HUMPHREY
(Director), Metropolitan Police Service Complaints Investigation Bureau,
Tintagel House,
Albert Embankment, SE1.
October 27.

Benevolent rule

From Ms Morwenna Given

Sir, Miss Elizabeth Clarke, the former headmistress of Benenden (obituary, October 23), was called "Celeste" by girls as, physically, she was a large lady, extremely kind and wise but intensely shy. At times this made her seem rather aloof until one saw the twinkle in her eyes — in other words, not unlike Celeste, Queen of the Elephants, in the Barbar stories by Laurent de Brunhoff.

She won me over on my first day by explaining that there were 12 school rules, providing the rationale behind each. She invited any pupil who felt that any were no longer justified to discuss them with her and made it clear that if a sound case was made, the rule would be removed. I spent five years trying to find a sound argument for removing any one of them and failed.

Yours faithfully,
MORWENNA GIVEN (*née* Ritchie),
Given and Partners,
Nahanni Gate,
Dipley, Hartley Wintney,
Hampshire.
October 25.

Early greetings

From Mrs David Jarvis

Sir, Further to Mrs Juliet Whicker's letter (October 9) about the early unavailability of Christmas stamps, this year's Post Office leaflet gives the latest Christmas surface mail posting dates as follows: Israel, October 22; Canada, October 29; United States, November 5.

When we went recently to buy Christmas stamps for these destinations we were told that although the Post Office was actually holding them, they would not be released until November 6.

The explanation given was that this was "another department".

Yours faithfully,
KATHLEEN JARVIS,
28 Penn Grove Road,
Hereford.
November 1.

This advertisement was placed by the Newspaper Publishers Association.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

November 1: The Princess Royal, Upper Warden, the Worshipful Company of Woolmen, this evening attended a Court Meeting and Livery Dinner at Saddlers' Hall, Gutter Lane, London EC2.

Mrs Malcolm Innes was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

November 1: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, this morning received the Secretary of the Duchy of Cornwall (Mr John James).

His Royal Highness, President, Cornwall Crafts Association, later received members of the Association.

The Prince of Wales, Chairman, Royal Collection Trust, this afternoon attended a meeting of the trustees at St James's Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE

November 1: The Princess of Wales, Patron, Help the Aged, this afternoon attended the Help the Aged Tunstall Golden Awards at the the London Hilton Hotel, Park Lane, London W1.

Captain Edward Musto RM was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Chicken Shed Theatre Company, this evening attended a Gala Concert at the Equinox, Leicester Square, London WC2.

Mrs Max Pike and Captain Edward Musto RM were in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester today visited Lincoln and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Lincolnshire (Captain Sir Henry Nevile).

His Royal Highness opened *Willson's Cottages, Newport, and* subsequently attended a luncheon *at the White Hart Hotel, Bailgate,* to mark the 40th anniversary of Lincoln Civic Trust.

Afterwards The Duke of Gloucester visited Lincoln Cathedral and later His Royal Highness, President, East Midlands Tourist Board, visited the offices at Exchequergate.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE

The Duke of Kent, Honorary *Patron, the European Community* Baroque Orchestra, this evening attended a concert at Kensington Palace, London W8.

Captain Alexander Tetley, Scots Guards, was in attendance.



MICAHAEL POWELL

Lord Ivar Mountbatten and his fiancé, Penny Thompson, with Through the Keyhole, a Raphaël Kirchner watercolour encased in a Gothic-style frame. The picture is one of a group of 15 Kirchners among surplus art and furniture being sold from the home of Lord Mountbatten, Moyns Park, Birdbrook, Essex, which is to become a conference venue. The sale is at Christie's on Thursday

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture *at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.*

The Duke of Edinburgh, as President and Honorary Life Fellow of the Royal Society for the *Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures* and Commerce, will attend a *dinner and present the Albert* medal at the society's house at 7.15.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend the Colditz *Association reunion at the Imperial* War Museum at noon.

The Prince of Wales will open an exhibition centre at the restored Middle Farm Barns, Dorchester, at 3.10; and will visit the site of the new first school in Dorchester at 4.20.

The Princess Royal will visit the Forces Help Society and Lord Roberts Workshops' Park Lane fair at the Park Lane Hotel at 11.00; as President of the Chartered Institute of Transport, will attend an anniversary luncheon at the New Connaught Rooms at 12.30; and, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend a reception for key supporters and a birthday appeal group meeting at Buckingham Palace at 6.00.

The Duke of Gloucester, as President of the British Consultants' Bureau, will attend the annual meeting at the RAF Club at 10.55; and, as Patron of the Construction Industry Trust for Youth, will attend a concert at Carpenters' Hall at 7.15.

The Duke of Kent, as Patron of the London Philharmonic Orchestra, will attend a concert at the Festival Hall at 7.00.

The Duchess of Kent, as patron, will visit the West of England School for Children with Little or No Sight at Countess Wear, Exeter, at 11.05; will open the new Totnes Community Hospital at Coronation Road at 12.30; and will visit Rowcroft House, the Torbay and South Devon Hospice, Avenue Road, Torquay, at 2.50.

Church news

Clergy appointments

The Rev Frank White, Vicar, Birtley: to be also Rural Dean of Chester le Street (Durham).

The Rev Donald Whittome, Curate (NSM), Poynings w Edburton, *Newtimber and Pyecombe: now* non-stipendiary Priest-in-charge, Poynings w Edburton, Newtimber and Pyecombe (Chichester).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Preb John Watson, Vicar, *St Andrew, Plymouth, w St George* and St Paul (Exeter): to retire as *from January 31, 1994.*

The Rev Leslie Wilman, Rector, *Swanton Morley w Beetley w East* Bilney and Hoe, Rural Dean of Brisley and Elmham, Chaplain RAF Swanton Morley (Norwich): to retire as Rural Dean as from November 30.

The Rev Canon David Ainsworth, Rector, Northrepps w Sidestrand, Chaplain, Sidestrand School, and an Honorary Canon of Norwich Cathedral, diocese Norwich: to retire as from November 22.

The Rev Harry Salsbury, Chaplain, Brighton College Junior School (Chichester): now retired.

The Rev Canon Michael Thompson, Vicar, Sutton w Seaford, and Rural Dean of Lewes and Seaford (Chichester): to resign as Rural Dean as from October 31.

The Rev Canon Geoffrey White, Vicar, Brighton the Good Shepherd (Chichester): to retire as from November 30.

Church of Scotland

Translations

The Rev David J. Taylor from *Colston Milton, Glasgow, to Iona* w Kilfinichen and Kilvickeon and *Ross of Mull.*

The Rev Richard Fraser from Cargill Burrelton w Collace to St Machar's, Aberdeen.

The Rev Moses Donaldson from Duneaton to Fort Augustus w Glengarry.

The Rev James L. Wilson from Strichen to Trinity, Dundee.

The Rev William Paterson from Craigmillar, Edinburgh, to Bonkyl and Preston w Chirnside w Edrom Allanton.

The Rev William Alexander from Bucksburn Stoneywood, Aberdeen, to Berriedale and Dunbeath w Latheron.

Retirements

The Rev John Jamieson from Balfron.

The Rev Emmanuel Robertson *from Armadale.*

The Rev Douglas Bell from Alexandria North.

The Rev Arthur Doherty from Fintry.

The Rev Norman Swinburne from Sauchie.

The Very Rev W.B.R. MacMillan from St Mary's, Dundee.

The Rev Gordon Holroyd from St Clement's, Dingwall.

The Rev Donald A. MacKay from Bernera.

Auxiliary ministers ordained

The Rev Mary Munro to Kirkmaiden w Stoneykirk.

The Rev Elizabeth Kay to Youth Ministry, Dundee.

Birthdays and anniversaries

Birthdays today

Lord Ashburton, 65; the Earl of Aylesford, 75; Lady (Maurice) Bathurst, diplomat, 73; Sir David Calcutt, QC, master, Magdalene College, Cambridge, 63; Sir Clifford Chetwood, former chairman, George Wimpey, 65; Mr John *Fingerhut, pharmaceutical chemi*st, 83; the Right Rev F.H.E. Goodrich, Bishop of Worcester, 64; Dr Ronald Hedley, former director, Natural History Museum, 65; Mr Paul Johnson, author, 65; Mr Alan Jones, racing driver, 47.

Mr Burt Lancaster, actor, 80; Dr David Lea, assistant general secretary, TUC, 56; Sir Bruce Martin, QC, chairman, North Western Regional Health Authority, 55; Miss Pauline Neville-Jones, diplomat, 54; Sir Peter Newsam, former chairman, Commission for Racial Equality, 65; Professor Sir Ronald Oxburgh, former president, Queens' College, Cambridge, 59; Mr Ivor Roberts-Jones, sculptor, 80; Mr Ken Rosewall, tennis player, 59; Lord Sainsbury of Preston Candover, KG, 66; Mr Bruce Welch, guitarist, 52.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jean Baptiste Chardin, painter, Paris, 1699; Daniel Boone, frontiersman, Pennsylvania, 1735; Marie Antoinette, Queen of France, Vienna, 1755; James Knox Polk, *11th American President* 1845-49, Pineville, North Carolina, 1795; Warren Harding, 29th American President 1921-23, Blooming Grove, Ohio, 1865; Victor Trumper, Australian cricketer, Sydney, 1877.

DEATHS: Richard Hooker, theologian, Bishopsbourne, Kent, 1600; Richard Bancroft, Archbishop of Canterbury 1604-10, London, 1610; Sir Samuel Romilly, law reformer, committed suicide, *London, 1818; Jenny Lind, soprano,* Malvern, 1887; George Bernard Shaw, dramatist, Ayot St Lawrence, Hertfordshire, 1950; James Thurber, humorist, New York, 1961.

The *Daily Mirror* was first published, 1903.

The world's first high-definition television service began from Alexandra Palace, London, 1936.

Channel 4 was launched, 1982.

Trojan wall theory collapses

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

EXCAVATIONS at ancient Troy have shown that what was expected to be the buried city wall is actually a large ditch. In spite of this, the feature still indicates the line of the defences, and confirms *the thesis that Homer's Troy* was much larger than previ*ously thought.*

What was thought to be a *wall appeared as a magnetic* anomaly on a survey last *summer, running south from* the Hissarlik mound, excavated by Heinrich Schliemann over a century ago. The mound was the site of the Trojan citadel in the Bronze Age, and the levels dating to about 1200-1100 BC have long been identified with the Troy of the *Iliad.*

Dr Manfred Korfmann re*ported last month that his* excavations had found no *sign of the postulated wall,* but instead a ditch up to a *metre deep and four metres* wide, cut into the bedrock. He *believes that a wall may have* stood immediately inside the ditch in the past, but was dismantled and its stones used again when this part of ancient Troy was built over, perhaps in the Roman period.

The ditch was found filled with tile and pottery fragments, which gave the same response to a magnetometer as the *stones or bricks of a* buried wall. Dr Korfmann *believes that the remains still* prove Troy to have been one *of the largest Bronze Age* cities known in the Aegean region, with a population as high as 6,000. Next summer he will try to trace the entire line of the ditch.

Dinners

Speaker

The Speaker held a dinner in Speaker's House yesterday evening in honour of Mr Stephen Martin, Speaker of the Australian House of Representatives. The Deputy High Commissioner for Australia attended. The other guests were:
Mr Alfred Morris, MP, Miss Janet Anderson, MP, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, MP, Miss Angela Eagle, MP, Mr Edward Garnier, MP, Mr Bryan Gould, MP, Miss Tessa Jowell, MP, the Hon Michael Trend, MP, Mr Lyn Barlin, Mr Phil Bergin, Sir Clifford Boulton, Miss Roseanne O'Reilly and Mr Nicolas Bevan.

Woolmen's Company

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Master, Mr Raymond J.R. Cousins, and Wardens of the Woolmen's Company last night at Saddlers' Hall. The Master presided. The Lord Mayor presented the Woolmen's silver medal and prize to Miss Victoria Allan and the company's bronze medal and prize to Miss Claire Gallagher. The Lord Mayor, Mr Derek Fenner and Mr W.T. McMahon were the speakers.

***The Institute of Chartered* Accountants of Scotland**

The President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland, Mr Nigel Macdonald, was host at the Institute Dinner in London held at the Savoy Hotel last night. Mr Gilbert Gray, QC, was the Guest of Honour and Mr David Spence also spoke. Among the other guests were:
Mr M G Bacchus, Mrs J H Bingley, Sir John Bourn, Mr R Buttery, the Rev W A Cairns, Mr G A Cameron, Sir Bryan Carsberg, Mr M A Chamberlain, Sir James Duncan, Mr M J Gammie, Mr N Hamilton, MP, Mr P W J Hartigan, Professor M G Harvey, Sir Andrew Hugh Smith, Mrs E Jolly, Mr M J Lawrence, Professor A Likierman, Mr D McRae, Professor W C C Morrison, *Mr N H Nicholls, Mr F T O'Con*nell, the Right Hon The Lord Rodger of Earlsferry, QC, Mr W R *Stuttaford, Mr V E Thomas,* Professor D P Tweedie and Mr J R Wallace, MP.

Cardiff Business Club

The Right Hon Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor Victor Riley, The High Sheriff of South Glamorgan, Commander John Curteis, the Chairman of South Glamorgan County Council, Councillor Francies and the Chairman of the Cardiff Business Club, Mr Brian K. Thomas, were present at a dinner held by the *Club at the Royal Hotel, Cardiff* last night.

The guest speaker was Mr Martyn Lewis, BBC Television broadcaster.

Mr Glyn Davies, Chairman of *the Development Board for Rural* Wales, presided.

British Antique Dealers' Association

The president, Mr Nicolas Norton, presided at a dinner held on Saturday, at Cliveden, Taplow, Buckinghamshire, in celebration of the BADA's 75th anniversary. Among the guests were:

The Right Hon Peter Brooke, CH, MP, Viscount and Viscountess Astor, Sir Christopher and Lady Foxley-Norris and Miss Carolyn Morrison.

Luncheons

HM Government

The Hon Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and Mrs Hurd held a luncheon yesterday at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of Dr Guido Di Tella, Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship, Argentina, and Senora Di Tella.

HM Government

Marshal of the RAF Sir Peter Harding, Chief of the Defence Staff, was host yesterday at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at Admiralty House in honour of General Mohammed Bin-Saleh Al Hammad, Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Saudi Arabia.

Marriage

Mr J.C.C. Raven
and Miss M.J. McC. Mather

The marriage took place on October 29, at The Queen's Chapel, St James's Palace, of Mr Julian Raven, eldest son of Mr Charles Raven and the late Mrs Raven, of Ightham, Kent, and Miss Melissa Mather, eldest daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Anthony Mather, of *Chirton*, Wiltshire. The Rev William Booth officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Melissa Rathbone, Alexandra Harmer and Sam Crouch. Mr Peter McIntosh was best man.

Forthcoming marriage

Mr M.A. McCulloch
and Miss G.E. Griffiths

The engagement is announced between Matthew, youngest son of Mr and Mrs James McCulloch, of St Mellion, Cornwall, and Gina, daughter of Mr and Mrs Glyn Griffiths, of Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

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School announcement

Friern Barnet Grammar School

Parents of Boys seeking Scholarships or Free Places in the school at age eleven in September 1994 should register their sons now. The Entrance Examination for such pupils will be on Tuesday, January 25, 1994.

Service of thanksgiving

Mr Silvino Trompetto, MBE

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Mr *Silvino Trompetto*, MBE, will be held in The Queen's *Chapel of The Savoy on Thursday*, December 2, 1993, at noon.

Reception

HM Government

Lord Fraser of Carmyllie, QC, *Minister of State at the Scottish* Office, was host yesterday at a reception held at the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh. Afterwards, Sir John Kerr, UK Permanent Representative to the *European Communities*, delivered a lecture as part of the Lothian European lecture series.

Service dinner

The London Scottish

Colonel J.A. Clemence, Regimental Colonel of The London Scottish, presided at the annual Hallowe'en dinner held last night at regimental headquarters, Westminster. The guests included the Earl of Wemyss, Earl Haig and Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, MP.

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BIRTHS

BARRON - On 29th October, to Amanda (née Banks) and Andrew, a son, Alexander Donald McGregor.

BLACKMAN-MACK - Caroline and Peter are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Rachel Victoria Louise on 18th October 1993.

BONNAR - On October 28th, to Juliette (née Beaumont) and Nick, a daughter, Charlotte Alice Iona, a sister for Edward.

CHASE - On 22nd October, to Gabi (née Kabza) and Simon, twin daughters Isabella Jane and Katharine Olivia, sisters for Sam.

ELVIDGE - On October 25th, to Victoria (née Holland) and Rusty, a daughter, Miranda Cicely Artemis.

ESSE - On October 27th, to Elizabeth (née Hare) and William, a son, Barnaby Samuel Hare.

GREEN - On 1st November at Beverley Westwood Hospital, to Helen and Alex, a son, Henry Alexander, a brother for Alastair.

LINNELL - On 28th October at Queen Charlotte's, Hammersmith, to Sheila (née Hayward) and Richard, a daughter, Harriet Phoebe Hilary, a sister for Imogen.

LIPSKI - *On 30th October* 1993, to Abigail (née Dudley) and Serge, a beautiful daughter, Olivia Nicole Ann.

LUBOMIRSKI - On 18th October, in Chicago, to Susan (née Vavra) and Dominik, a son, Stefan Joseph Dominic, a brother for Annemarie, Elizabeth and Marek.

McCORQUODALE - On October 28th, to Elizabeth-Ann and David, a daughter (Flora), a little sister for Hector, who tragically only lived for a few hours.

RIALL - *On October 28th, to* Mary (née Senyon) and Tom, a son, Phineas (Finn) Patrick.

SCHENNER - On October 31st at the Wellington Hospital, to Nikki and Leo, a son, a brother for Jason, Oscar and Theo.

SETHIA - *On 27th October, to* Rosie (née Aiden) and Krishna, a daughter, Flora, a sister for Alexandra, George and Charlotte.

STOKER - On 30th October at Salisbury, Wiltshire, to Hilary and Jeremy Stoker, a daughter, Emily.

MARRIAGES

SMITH-BINGHAM-WIGGIN - The marriage took place quietly in Newbury on Saturday October 30th between Charles Smith-Bingham and Jennifer Wiggin.

DEATHS

ALDAM - On October 30th, suddenly but peacefully at home, Jeffery Heaton Aldam CBE, MC, MA, Former Chief Education Officer for Hampshire. Funeral Service at St Paul's Church, Winchester, on Friday 5th November at 11 am followed by private cremation. No flowers please, but any donations, if desired, to Wessex Heartbeat Appeal c/o Jno Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester.

BELMORE - On October 28th, at St Luke's, Cosford, in his 91st year, Marjorie Kate, widow of *F.G. Maunsell* and subsequently of H.W. Belmore, beloved and loving *mother of Ursula Tolde and* Hilary Brown. Funeral 12.15 pm on Tuesday November 9th at Oxford Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to *St Luke's, Oxford*, Latimer Road, Oxford, OX3 7PF.

BENEDICTUS - Phyllis, on Saturday 30th October at 21 Viceroy Court. Greatly missed by her daughter Judith Samuel, daughter-in-law Tanya Benedictus and grandchildren. No flowers, donations to Children's *Country* Holiday Fund, 42/43 Lower Marsh, Tanswell Street, SE1 7RG.

BOURN - On October 29th, peacefully in hospital after a long illness bravely borne, of Richmond, North Yorkshire, Moya (née Livesey, formerly Higham) aged 71 years. Dearly loved wife of Jim, mother of Nicola, Peter and *Judy.* Funeral private, family flowers only; donations may be given for St John of God Hospital, Scorton, c/o John Blenkiron, Funeral Service, Victoria House, 19 Victoria Road, Richmond, North Yorkshire DL10 4AS.

DEATHS

BROACKES - On October 29th, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Lady Joyce Edith, Beloved wife of Nigel, dearly loved mother of Justin, Victoria and Simon, grandmother of Alice. Private cremation. Donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

BUXTON - Suddenly but peacefully on October 28th 1993 aged 58 years, David George Stewart, dearest husband of Irene, Beloved son of Emmeline Norah Buxton, fondest brother of Christine. Much loved son-in-law of Wladyslaw and Maria Fabian. Will be greatly missed. Funeral service and cremation at Leicester Crematorium on Thursday November 4th at 1.15 pm. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu of flowers to Cancer Research c/o Gimm & Cartwright, Funeral Directors of Leicester, tel: (0533) 616117.

COOK - Susan Mary (née Jones) on Saturday 30th October 1993, peacefully at home in Sydney, Australia, beloved wife of Richard, adored mother of Annabel, Simon, Guy and Hugh, loving daughter of Mary and sister of Sally and Colin. Loved friend to all who knew her. Death is nothing at all. I have only slipped away into the next room. I am I and you are you. Whatever we were to each other, that we still are. Call me by my old familiar name. Speak to me in the way which you always used. Put no difference in your tone. Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together. Pray, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be ever the household word that it was. Let it be spoken without the trace of a shadow on it. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was. There is unbroken continuity. Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am waiting for you, for an interval. Somewhere very near, just around the corner. All is well.

COOMBES - *On October 30th* 1993, peacefully at St Julian's Nursing Wing, Wimbledon, Miss Winefred Evelyn Coombes. Requiem Mass at The Carmelite Church, Church Street, Kensington, at 10 am on Monday November 8th. RIP.

DEATHS

CREWS - On October 28th suddenly at home after a long illness, Commander James Crews G.M., Royal Navy, (Jimmy). Dearest husband of Letitia, (Janie) and much loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at Exeter Cathedral on Thursday November 4th at 2.30 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, donations if wished to Motor Neurone Disease Association c/o Palmer Funeral Service, 45 High Street, Budleigh Salterton, Devon EX9 6LF.

CRICHTON - On October 29th 1993, James Smith Crichton B.Sc., C.Eng., F.I.C.E. aged 82, at home after a short illness. Beloved husband of Patricia, loving father of Fiona and Seonaid, dearly loved grandfather of Christopher, Charlotte and Lucy. Funeral Service will take place at Shipton by Beningbrough Church, York, on Friday November 5th at 12 noon followed by private cremation. No flowers by request.

DESMOND - David Jocelyn died 30th October 1993. Service in his home, 3 Franham Road, Bangor, on Wednesday 3rd November at 10.15 am followed by service at Rosslawn Crematorium at 11.30 am. Deeply regretted by his son Bernard, daughter Lesley, son-in-law Noel, Mobik his 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Enquiries to Doggart Funeral Homes, 47 Frances Street, Newtownards 0247-813382.

DRIVER - *After a long illness* bravely borne, peacefully in the arms of his family, Cyril Edward aged 75 years of Glastonbury, Somerset, much loved husband of Peggy and a dear father to Christopher. President of I.M.C.O. Plastics. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held at St John's Church, Glastonbury, on Friday 5th November at 11am. followed by cremation at Taunton Deane Crematorium at 12.30pm. Enquiries and if desired donations for Cancer Relief and St Margaret's (Somerset) Hospice, c/o Forsey & Son Funeral Directors, Butleigh, Glastonbury, Somerset, tel: (0458) 50554.

DEATHS

FRANCIS - On November 1st 1993, peacefully at Ibsom House Nursing Home, Tetbury, Captain Alec David Charles Francis. Beloved husband of the late Pamela and much loved father of Nigel and Priscilla. Private cremation. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at Rodbourne Parish Church, near Malmesbury, at 2.30pm on Friday 5th November.

GREER - On 31st October, Mary Helen, youngest daughter of the late Richard Townsend Greer, JCS, and Alice Mary Greer. Funeral at Llanbadarn Fawr Church, nr. Aberystwyth, on Friday 5th November at 2.30 pm.

GROVE - Barbara Constance, on 29th October 1993, in hospital after a stroke, Widow of Brigadier Geoffrey Grove, late 6 Gurkha Rifles, Mother of Joscelyne, Alison and Giles (decs'd), Grandmother of Miranda, Venetia, Jason, Duncan, Sarah and Thomas. Funeral 2.30 pm at Clayton Church, Friday 5th November. Enquiries to Wm. Collins & Son, tel: (0444) 871515.

HAWORTH-BOOTH - On October 30th 1993, Nick, aged 80. Dearly loved husband of Honor, father of Christopher and Astrid and grandfather of Rupert and James. Private cremation. No flowers, but donations if wished to the Macmillan Nurse Appeal, 15-19 Britten Street, London SW3 3TZ.

HORNBY - On October 28th, after a long and debilitating illness nobly and courageously borne, an inspiration to all: beloved husband, father and grandfather, Lieutenant Commander James *Lawrence RD**RNR*, aged 79, sadly missed by all his family. Funeral Service at St Bartholomews, Cross-in-Hand, Heathfield on Thursday, 4th November at 3 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to International Fund for Animal Welfare, c/o R Jarvis, Funeral Director, Cross-in-Hand, Heathfield, East Sussex Tel. 0435 862833.

KAPRALIK - Charles at Heinrith Stahl House on November 1st peacefully in his 99th year. Loved by all who knew him. Cremation on Thursday November 4th at 10.30 am at Golders Green Crematorium. No flowers please but donations if desired to Multiple Sclerosis Society.

DEATHS

KEMP - On October 30th, Peter Mant Macintyre, aged 78, son of the late Sir Norman and Lady Kemp. Funeral private. Memorial Service to be announced.

KNIGHT - On October 30th 1993, suddenly, out shooting, Major Hubert Guy Broughton Knight M.C., late Coldstream Guards. Husband of Hester and father of Henrietta and Celia. Funeral Service 12 noon Friday 5th November, Parish Church, Lockinge. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to The Injured Jockeys' Fund, PO Box 9, Newmarket.

LAURIE - *On October 28th* 1993 at home, Angela (Anne) aged 86 years, widow of Frederick, much loved stepmother of Judith and Rosamond, grandmother and great-grandmother. Enquiries to R. Jarvis Funeral Directors (0435) 862833.

LAWLOR - Elizabeth Jane died very peacefully on 27th October, sadly missed by son James, daughter Janet and family.

MAUNSELL - *See Belmore.*

McDAVID - On 31st October 1993 in Barcelona, Stewart *McDavid, OBE, TD.* Devoted and much loved husband of Wendy. Adored father of Alastair and Colin and grandfather of James, Victoria and Catriona. Funeral in Barcelona, 2nd November 1993.

MOORE - *Mary Claire of* Thruxton, Herefordshire. Peacefully on 1st November. Thanksgiving and burial noon Saturday 6th November, Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Alban.

MOTLEY - On All Saints Day, *peacefully in St Albans* Hospital, Elizabeth Jane aged 89, widow of the Reverend E.W.J. Motley. Dearly loved mother of Christopher and Ursula and grandmother of Miranda, Simon, Caroline and Michael. Funeral Service at St Mary's, Redbourn, Herts., at 12 noon on Tuesday November 9th. Family flowers only please but donations if so desired to St Mary's Parish Church c/o the Vicar. Family can be contacted on (0582) 840366.

O'CONNELL - *Ray James* Edmund Francis, father of John and Thomas, died peacefully Sunday October 31st aged 87 at Holy Cross Priory, Funeral private. No flowers. Donations to Holy Cross Priory, Cross-in-Hand, Heathfield, Sussex.

DEATHS

OLIVER - On 24th October 1993, peacefully at home after a courageous battle with cancer, Phillip Alan, much loved husband of Maryanne. Memorial Service at St Bartholomew's Church, Burwash, on Friday 5th November at 2.30 pm. Donations to Cancer Research c/o C. Waterhouse & Sons, High Street, Burwash, E. Sx. tel: (0435) 882219.

OWEN - Cliff suddenly but peacefully at his home in Hook Norton, Oxon. Darling husband of Virginia and most dearly loved father of Sally, Judy, Daniel and Jonathan and Grumpy to Laurie and Eleanor. Private family cremation on Thursday 4th November followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St Peter's Church, Hook Norton at 3 pm to which everyone is welcome. A Memorial Service will be held in London at a later date. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Malcolm Sargent Fund for Children with cancer and United Nations High Commission Refugee Fund (U.N.H.C.R.) c/o J & M Humphris, Albert Street, Banbury OX16 8DG.

POWYS-SMITH - Helen, on 29th October aged 90, peacefully in hospital, much *loved aunt of Sarah, Caroline* and Richard and lifelong friend of Vicky. No flowers. *Funeral enquiries to Tribe of* Storrington. tel: (0903) 742586.

RITCHIE - On 30th October, *peacefully at home in* Masterton N.Z. Prue, beloved wife of the late Tommy, dearly loved mother of Simon, Julia, Jonathan and James and Gabby to Nicola, Robert, William and Alice.

SABINE - Margaret Helen Sabine died 26th October 1993 at Countess *Mountbatten* House, Moorgreen Hospital, Southampton. Mother of Rodney and Tina, grandmother of Anna and James.

SHADWELL - On October 27th 1993, peacefully in *Pershore Cottage Hospital*, Gwen, widow of Charles. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at Pershore Abbey on Saturday November 13th at 2.30 pm. Donations are invited for Pershore Abbey Appeal and Friends of Pershore Cottage Hospital.

DEATHS

STEVENS - On October 28th, Celia, beloved wife of the late Edwin William. Will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Thanksgiving Service at The Church of St Andrew, Kimbolton, on November 11th at 12 noon.

SUTTON - *William H.A.* on 27th October, dear husband, father and grandfather. *Funeral Service 12 noon* Thursday 4th November at Knowle Parish Church, Solihull, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please but donations if wished to Crossroads, Shirley, B90 3AD.

SYMONS - Patrick Symons R.A. died tragically in Paris 30th October in a road accident. Funeral to be arranged.

TYLER - Peter Frederick, aged 67, on 26th October 1993, peacefully at home after a short illness. Much loved husband of Susan and father of Caroline and Richard. Service at Golders Green Crematorium on Friday November 5th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only, but donations may be made to Macmillan Nurse Fund c/o T.A. Ellement, 21 Bridge Street, Pinner, Middlesex. tel: (081) 866-0324.

WILLIAMS - On October 30th, peacefully, Margaret (née Vyner). Dearly loved mother of Hugo, Polly and Simon and a beloved grandmother. Service to be held at St Bartholomew's Church, Nettlebed, on Thursday November 4th at 12.30 pm. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Denville Hall, Northwood, Middlesex HA6 2BB.

WINGFIELD - On October 30th 1993, Harry Vincent, FRCS, peacefully at home in Cornwall. Dearest husband of Jean and much loved father and grandfather.

WOOD - On October 29th, peacefully and suddenly, Malcolm, aged 62, much loved husband of Ernestina, father of Robert, stepfather of Elizabeth and Susan and adopted father of Anita, Sonia, Lewis and Nelson. *Requiem Mass at St Peter's* Roman Catholic Church, Blaxwich, near Walsall, on Monday November 8th at 10am. Family flowers only to F. Jennings & Sons, St James's House, Horseley Fields, Wolverhampton and donations if desired addressed to The British Heart Foundation or The Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o Sue Jordan, Dunston Hall, Dunston, Stafford, Staffs. ST18 9AB.

DEATHS

WOOD - On 30th October at home, Nigel Edward Ivan, son of the Rev. William Manners Wood, Rector of Littleton, Middlesex 1893 - 1933. Private cremation. Flowers to Menyons, 74 Rochester Row, SW1P 1JU.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

RICKETT - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Diana Elizabeth Rickett (née Harrison) will be held at St James' Church, Finchampstead, Berks., at 11.30 am on Saturday 27th November 1993.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

BARTON - *Edward John* Priest - Ethel and Geoffrey. In Loving Memory. Today and Always. - C.
'In God's Keeping.'

TONNET - Harry Tonnet MBE, his wife Yvonne (née Monnier) their sons Harry, Michel, Dominic and Nelly *Pilleron.* Always remembered and loved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUTHOR urgently seeks information about, and in particular would like to contact descendants of poet and cookery writer Eliza Acton 1799-1859. Please Reply to Box No 4707

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OBITUARIES

GARTH LEAN

Garth Lean, author and early MRA supporter, died in Oxford on October 17 aged 80. He was born in Cardiff on Boxing Day, 1912.

GARTH LEAN was one of the architects of the Oxford Group, the controversial, confessional movement that became popular with sporting undergraduates in the 1930s and which later became Moral Re-Armament (MRA). Yet he remained an independent, often questioning, figure, ultimately more interested in individual care for people than in promoting a movement.

In the latter half of his life he produced several books. In his seventies he wrote the definitive biography of Frank Buchman, the founder of MRA, which was much praised for its objectivity.

Garth Dickinson Lean was the grandson of an illiterate Cornish tin miner who was tricked into selling himself as an indentured labourer in the Chilean nitrate mines, and the son of a Cardiff solicitor. The youngest of five children, he was only ten when his father died, and his mother struggled to bring up and educate the family.

He excelled as a sportsman at Sherborne (a contemporary remembers him as "a devilishly tricky bowler") and won an exhibition to Worcester College, Oxford, where he read law and again played games successfully. His Oxford Union career was far less distinguished: his first, and last, speech was reviewed in one sentence in *Isis* by Tangye Lean, later to become director of External Broadcasting at the BBC: "Mr Lean, it is to be clearly understood, is no relation of mine, none whatever."

The Jarrow hunger marchers who passed through Oxford in October 1932, changed his life. Stirred by their need — and his sense of comparative purposelessness — he was attracted, like many of his generation, to communism. He then met the early Oxford Group, and was captured by its conviction that changes in society could best be brought about by changes in individual motives, inspired by a religious experience. He remained committed to this for the rest of his life.

He started his work with the Oxford Group in the rougher parts of Hackney, converting members of an East End gang called the Tin-Ring Tatlers, and working with Tod Sloan, the leader of the unemployed, still glorified in the rhyming slang "on your Tod" because he "stood alone". He travelled with Frank Buchman in North America before the second world war, and in 1940 pulled off his greatest coup by recruiting for MRA Peter Howard (the Beaverbrook journalist and co-author, with Michael Foot and Frank Owen, of *Guilty Men*) who was eventually to take over the leadership of MRA after Buchman's death.

But Lean was only briefly one of Buchman's inner circle. He was one of the few prepared to challenge his diktats which, as Buchman said, was apt to "hold things up". He preferred to take his own initiatives, and his colleagues remember his unconventionality, his humour and, in the words of one, "his bracing irreverence towards anything pompous or dull".

In 1957 a heart attack obliged him to lead a quieter life and he settled in Oxford where he influenced several generations of students, and wrote his books. He produced biographies of William Wilberforce and John Wesley, and co-authored *The New Morality* and two other defences of traditional Christian standards in the 1960s with Sir Arnold Lunn, the Catholic polemicist. His *Black and White Book* (with Sydney Cook), which countered the *Little Red Schoolbook*, sold widely in many translations. But his greatest work was *Frank Buchman, A Life*, which he undertook with many misgivings late in life, but which was widely hailed as a balanced, meticulously researched and well-crafted biography.

In 1946 he married Margot Appleyard who survives him, together with a son and a daughter.

MAHMUT DIKERDEM

Mahmut Dikerdem, Turkish diplomat and dissident, died in Istanbul on October 3 aged 77. He was born in the same city on January 6, 1916.



MAHMUT DIKERDEM was one of the more notable idealists of the Turkish state in the present century. He abandoned the higher ranks of the foreign ministry to become a full-time left-wing dissenter, spending several years in prison for espousing the cause of peace. He was rewarded by popular esteem at home and by being short-listed for the Nobel peace prize, though he could not be described as a democrat in the Western manner. To the end he remained an ardent Turkish nationalist and a proponent of authoritarian measures against minorities, particularly the Kurds, his father's people.

Mahmut Dikerdem was born the son of a Kurdish gendarme from the region of Diarbakir in Turkish Kurdistan. His father, according to a note in his security file, had been brought to Istanbul by an Ottoman pasha because of his good looks but had risen to be a sergeant in the rural police and married a woman from the Black Sea coast. The couple had four children, Mahmut being the youngest.

His father died when he was only four years old and the family fell on hard times, depending largely on the meagre earnings of their mother. Mahmut, however, showed signs of being exceptionally bright and, in his last year at a French-speaking primary school, won a scholarship to the élitist Galatasarai Lycée.

Subsequently, he financed his education at the Istanbul law school by teaching, and moved to Ankara in 1939. He worked in a number of government posts before joining the foreign ministry. There he entered a circle of Marxist intellectuals — ironically many of them Ottoman aristocrats — and won the patronage of the strongly pro-Western Fatin Rushtu Zorlu, who became foreign minister in the Demokrat administration of Adnan Menderes.

Under Zorlu, Dikerdem's career advanced rapidly. He was made *chargé d'affaires* in Nasser's Egypt and ambassador to Jordan and Iran. After the military coup of 1960, however, he was recalled to Ankara where, despite the execution of his patron Zorlu, he refused to sign a declaration renouncing his left-wing views.

He managed to convince the generals of his independence from Moscow and, after several years of paid inactivity in Istanbul, was eventually allowed back into the government fold, though demoted to the post of ambassador to Accra. Thanks largely to his friendship with the Ghanaian President Kwame Nkrumah, he proved such a success that he was appointed ambassador to India from 1969 to 1972. He would later write that his experience of the Third World confirmed his belief in "scientific" socialism and the need to confront Western "imperialism".

During the Turkish invasion of Cyprus in 1974, Dikerdem was serving in Ankara as an adviser to the government and did not oppose the invasion but in 1975 he published an article demanding the withdrawal of foreign troops from the island. When the foreign ministry started disciplinary proceedings against him a year later, he asked to retire — but his retirement was from diplomacy, not from politics.

He became the founding president of the Turkish Peace Association, a left-wing pressure group, consisting mostly of respectable lawyers, doctors, members of parliament and trade unionists, which campaigned against the arms race and in favour of East-West détente. He also joined the executive committee of the Moscow-run World Peace Association.

After Turkish generals seized power in 1980, the Turkish Peace Association was banned and in February 1982 its leaders were arrested and charged with propagating communism and the overthrow of the existing social order. In spite of poor health, Dickerdem conducted his own defence and that of some of his associates.

The trials and prosecutions aroused widespread criticism in international circles but Dikerdem and 17 others were found guilty and sentenced in November 1983 to eight years' hard labour.

In 1985, while in prison, he was nominated for the Nobel peace prize. He was released later that year on the ground of poor health.

In 1991, following a campaign by Amnesty International and other human rights organisations and the appointment of a civilian administration in Turkey, all the charges against Dikerdem and his co-defendants were withdrawn.

Although aware of the many failures of the Soviet experiment in socialism, Dikerdem was "saddened" by its collapse. His associates had seen Marxism as the fastest method of "civilising the masses" and, in particular, peasant societies.

A small man in physical stature, Dikerdem always dressed immaculately and was good company. He was married twice, each marriage producing a son.

DR RONALD HADDEN

Dr Ronald Hadden, consultant radiotherapist at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter, the Torbay Hospital and the North Devon Infirmary, 1947-82, died on October 13 aged 76. He was born on August 26, 1917.



RONNIE HADDEN was born in what was then Batavia, Java, where his father was a shipping agent. He came from an Aberdeen seafaring family, his grandfather having been a sea captain, and his great-grandfather captain of a tea clipper. One of his ancestors was a half-sister of Sir Isaac Newton.

In 1920 the family left Java, and in due course the young Haddon became a pupil at Gresham's School, Holt. At the age of 17, having been fairly forcefully advised against attempting to take up a career on the stage, he entered St Thomas' Hospital Medical School, where he was awarded the Gold Medal in Anatomy.

He loved the sea, and it had been his intention on qualifying to enter the Royal Navy; but the talent of the young doctor had been noticed by Dr George French Stebbing, and he was persuaded to continue his studies, obtaining the Diploma in Medical Radiology, and later the Advanced Diploma in Medical Radiology.

After a short spell as a registrar in Bristol, Ronald Charles Munday Hadden was appointed in 1947 to a consultant's post at Exeter, becoming, at the age of 30, the youngest consultant in the southwest of England. In collaboration with Dr Charles Wroth, he started a radiotherapy department with an old X-ray machine and a few radium needles. Although in those early days he was, in his own words, an expert in making bricks without straw, by the time he retired he headed a well-equipped department which could stand comparison with any in the country. He was the director, until its closure, of the Exeter School of Radiography. He remained professionally active after retirement from the National Health Service in 1982, working in Bath and Tasmania, advising Exeter University on radiation safety and, despite his debilitating illness, saw private patients until a few days before his death.

His lively imagination and acute powers of observation were perhaps best seen in his diagnostic flair, but his innovative suggestions extended into many fields, right down to the mundane details of the day-to-day management of his wards. This led to a not totally undeserved reputation for idiosyncrasy, but some of the methods which he pioneered are now common practice. In particular, his empathy with his patients led him wherever possible to prefer combinations of conservative surgery with radiation treatment rather than radical surgery.

Ronnie Hadden was active in professional organisations. He particularly enjoyed meetings of the Radiotherapists Visiting Society, of which he was a founder member, as these gatherings enabled him to combine his passion for travel with discussions with colleagues. He also spent much time and energy in raising funds for various cancer charities, and to finance Exeter's CT scanner.

He read voraciously, collected paintings and owned several racehorses. He was a keen and knowledgeable gardener, and the garden which he created with the help of the late Richard Vyvyan for the benefit of patients at the old Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital was hugely popular and beneficial. His love of the theatre never diminished and, during visits of the Ballet Rambert to the old Exeter Theatre Royal, his generous hospitality to members of the company was much appreciated.

The great tragedy of his life was the death of his son George in a sailing accident in 1964. He is survived by his wife Monica, and four children of two previous marriages.

CATHERINE COLLARD



Catherine Collard, French concert pianist, died of cancer in Paris on October 10 aged 46. She was born in Thuir, Pyrénées-Orientales, on August 11, 1947.

CATHERINE COLLARD was noted for both her renderings of modern works and those of Schumann, Debussy, Brahms and Haydn. The daughter of the pianist André Collard, she was something of a prodigy, winning major prizes in her teens before launching herself upon a career of more than 25 years that included recitals, duets and chamber music in France and abroad. She was known for a forceful, often passionate style accompanied by ample gestures which led critics to speak of her "physical and intellectual commitment".

She entered the Conservatoire National Supérieur de Musique in Paris at the age of 14 and obtained the Premier Prix de Piano two years later. She accumulated other prizes, notably the Prix Claude Debussy in Paris and several others in Italy — Casella in Naples, Busoni in Bolzano and Viotti in Vercelli. Then came her success in the Concours International Olivier Messiaen at the age of 21. This launched her international career.

She became increasingly drawn to contemporary music and gave the world première of André Boucourechliev's *Archipel IV*. However, towards the end of the 1980s, she returned to her first loves, namely the Romantic and pre-Romantic schools.

She moved easily from Debussy, Franck and Fauré to Haydn, Brahms and Schumann. She became one of the best known performers of the works of Schumann and was often compared to Clara Haskil. She recorded regularly and played with the national orchestras in France and Belgium, the philharmonic orchestras of Leningrad, Moscow, Sofia and Warsaw and Amsterdam's Concertgebouw orchestra.

She was drawn to duets and performed often with the violinist Catherine Courtois. In addition, she recorded all of Schumann's lieder with the contralto Nathalie Stutzmann and the pair were among the stars at this summer's Aix-en-Provence Festival when Collard was already seriously ill.

Her best known recording of Schumann was the award-winning *Papillons*, *Kinderszenen* and the sonata, opus 11. Unfortunately, Catherine Collard was not always at her best when she played in London. Yet another of her fields was chamber music, notably with the Quatuor Orlando.

Her energy spilled over into festivals and she was one of the organisers of the Côte Basque international festival. She was known for her warm-hearted encouragement of young players. She was not married.

LAWRENCE HAFSTAD



Lawrence Randolph Hafstad, the first American to split the nucleus of the uranium atom, died following a stroke on October 12 aged 89. He was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on June 18, 1904.

LAWRENCE HAFSTAD was a young scientist working for the Carnegie Institution of Technology in Washington in the late 1930s, when word came that German scientists had succeeded in achieving the nuclear fission of uranium. Using technology and equipment he had developed with two colleagues, Richard Roberts and Merle Tuve, Hafstad managed to repeat the experiment in 1939. It was the first step in the massive effort towards the production and use of the atomic bomb.

Hafstad then found himself employed exclusively on weapons of war. Moving to the applied physics laboratory of Johns Hopkins University, he worked on supersonic ramjet engines, guided missiles, and, in his most significant contribution to the war effort, invented the radio proximity fuse for artillery and anti-aircraft shells.

This device, which enabled shells to explode close to a target without needing to score a direct hit, greatly increased the effectiveness of of anti-aircraft fire and was credited with a major role in the battle against the VI. In 1946, in recognition of his war work, the British government awarded Hafstad the King's Medal in Defence of Freedom. He was also given the US Medal of Merit.

Hafstad left Johns Hopkins in 1947 to become executive secretary of the US government's Joint Research and Development Board. He then turned to the development of nuclear power reactors, and was appointed the first director of the reactor development division of the Atomic Energy Commission in 1949. But his ties to the military remained and the following year he joined Admiral Hyman Rickover in a project to build a nuclear propulsion unit for submarines.

In 1955, in an apparent career change, Hafstad moved to the General Motors Corporation, where he became vice-president in charge of research laboratories. He stayed there until his retirement in 1969. After leaving General Motors he headed the committee on undersea warfare at the National Academy of Sciences until 1972.

Lawrence Hafstad is survived by one son.

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ON TALKING SHOP

There still persists a belief, not less widespread than quaint, that the British, in polite society at any rate, never talk shop. This is one of those fallacies which, when they first became current, must have taken root so quickly and so deeply in the world's folklore that nobody since then has quite liked to point out that they are wholly at variance with the ascertainable facts. These are, to put the thing in a nutshell, that the British rarely talk anything but shop. It is true that in more spacious, leisured and commodious times this tendency was probably less marked than it is to-day, for to our forefathers life resembled rather an art in which every one was a dilettante than the arduous, intricate craft in which we now find ourselves absorbingly, though not very rewardingly, engaged. The price of fish or the scarcity of coke were not the topics which, if broached in an Edwardian salon, would have given rise to a long and animated discussion; and one does not visualize Henry James being particularly interested by a comparison, among his fellow-guests, of their respective chances of getting a new car in less than five years. Yet it is subjects such as these which to-day monopolize much of our conversation, and they are really a rather degraded kind of shop, for life has somehow been transformed from an adventure into an administrative obstacle race. Living has become a business, and when we discuss its complex but stereotyped technique we are really very little better than business men talking shop. It is when two members of the same profession get going in the presence of others that the rest of the company begin to suffer. While no hard and fast official grading of the different kinds of shop has ever been laid down, it may be said that legal shop is, owing to the fluency with which lawyers are trained to talk, peculiarly oppressive; that medical shop differs from military shop in that, while both are incomprehensible, one rather regrets not being able to understand the former; that theatrical shop always holds out the promise of being entertaining, but somehow rarely fulfils it; and that there is no such thing as political shop, only malicious gossip. It remains only to record respectful admiration of the ladies who, though they suffer atrociously from having to listen to shop being talked, are often able to wreak on their tormentors a most frightful revenge by conversing, in their presence and at length, about clothes.

ON THIS DAY
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Topics of general conversation may have changed in the 40 years since Britain was feeling the after-effects of war, but not so the underlying message of this fourth leader by Peter Fleming.

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Members of the British Consultants Bureau can be found in more countries than Coca-Cola. Only seven countries worldwide failed to benefit from the advantages of British independent advice in 1992 and contracts have been signed this year to help two of those.

Nearly 300 companies of varying sizes belong to the bureau. They contribute £2 billion in invisible earnings each year to the British economy, with exports accounting for 41 per cent of the earnings of bureau members.

The bureau was formed in 1965 to promote the interests of member firms in exporting their services. It also plays a key part in helping overseas clients to identify and make contact with British consultants with appropriate skills and is the UK member of the European Federation of Engineering Consultancy Associations.

Awards for the bureau's 1993 British consultants of the year competition, which is sponsored by *The Times*, will be presented in London today by HRH The Duke of Gloucester, the BCB's president.

The bureau is governed by a council made up of consultants, representatives of relevant professional organisations and senior representatives from the Department of Trade and Industry and the Department of the Environment. Members range from large, multidisciplinary consultancies to very small, highly specialised teams. About a third of the members are engineers, others include architects and planners, chartered surveyors, management and economic consultants, agriculturalists and a wide range of other specialists.

British consultants have won the lion's share of projects funded by the Asian Development Bank. They have ranked alongside America in World Bank projects.

Britain fought to remove the EC quota system that restricted the British consultancy role in EC-funded projects. There is, however, an unofficial ceiling that prevents Britain from winning a larger share.

Peter Walters, chairman of the British Consultants Bureau, says: "We are world leaders and that is something that we as a country should be proud of."

The opening up of Eastern Europe is presenting a whole new area for consultancy. There are funds available from bodies such as the European Community, the World Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. British consultants, as a result, are entering new markets.

"However, it does appear that there are limited funds for the projects themselves and to some extent development has stagnated," Mr Walter says. "There are difficulties in transforming controlled economies into free markets and a lot of consultancy work is linked to privatisation."

The Pacific is more promising. Mr Walters says: "The rapidly developing economies are building up an enormous demand for infrastructure development of all sorts. We see a big opportunity for British consultants to get involved." He cites the Indonesian capital of Jakarta, where there have been massive strides forward, and Bangkok, in Thailand, which has been transformed from a large town into an international city.

Tony Boam, the bureau's director, says: "One of the great strengths of British consultancies overseas is the colonial past. Britons are used to living overseas in different countries, climates and cultures.

"We are really very good at producing local solutions, not UK ones. The Americans tend to produce American solutions and the Japanese have no understanding of places such as Africa and they do not like living there.

"Other countries like the independence of British consultants. We are not tied in to the government. Our members give genuine independent advice."

None the less, British industry benefits from the work of independent British advisers. Mr Boam says: "If the consultant is British there is a good chance that UK Ltd will benefit. If there is not a British consultant there is very little chance of UK Ltd gaining."

Trade missions organised by the bureau are increasing in number. Last month a party made a two-week tour of Thailand, Indonesia and the Philippines. "We go where we think the market is going to come good and where there is likely to be work," Mr Boam explains.

The bureau has expanded its role by introducing training seminars. The first seminar, last year, on writing proposals for projects, was so successful that it was repeated seven times. A new one, on international marketing, was introduced last month.



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He says: "Although I had effectively retired as an architect, they asked me to be president because of my knowledge of professional work. It meant I knew what they were talking about."

The duke tries to accompany the bureau's main mission each year. After the Gulf war he joined a visit of consultants at very short notice.

He says: "If I am there when a group of consultants goes on tour, I am able to give the mission a higher profile. I often go to other countries on behalf of the Foreign Office, so we are not going in cold. It also strengthens the ambassador's hand."

The duke believes British consultants will pick up work in Eastern Europe even though the Germans are geographically nearer and have the advantage of contacts through the former East Germany. He says: "Several countries have decided they do not want to depend on just the Germans. They want a good spread of advisers."

Funding for projects on which consultants advise often comes from aid funds, especially in Eastern Europe. "The British Know-How Fund often makes our work possible. As far as I can see it is very good at arriving in the right place at the right time," says the duke.

"It may sound cynical, but there is no point in going to countries that are going down economically. You have to look for the economies that are starting to pick up. It may be time to think of going to Argentina, and perhaps north Africa."

Of competitors, the duke mentions the Japanese although he points out that their traditions are different and a Japanese consultant is much less likely to be independent. "They are much more co-ordinated as a national force, but our consultants are independent of government."

He points out that American and French consultants are also likely to be part of a centrally co-ordinated national initiative. "The first message is that the British really are independent and their duty and obligation is to the client. If the advice is that the best machinery is in Japan or Germany or Turkey, they will say so. A consultant from Japan will be obliged to say the best is from Japan.

"One consequence is that British industry does get fed up. It thinks it is going to get some fine deal, and when that deal goes to another country we are accused of being unpatriotic. On the other hand, if we did not do what we thought best we would be killing the goose that lays the golden egg. If you abuse the trust placed in you, it only works once.

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A look at the finalists who travel the globe to curb hunger, avert disaster and make local industries profitable

Perils of new Wild West

Basil Sawczuk, a chartered architect, says the former Soviet Union is the new Wild West. In the past four years, which have seen the fall of the Berlin wall, he has built a consultancy business for DGI International in Siberia.

Starting from nothing but a contact name and a telephone number within the Arctic Circle, he has produced a remarkable growth in a business based on oil and mineral extraction — but there were setbacks. A maternity hospital in Tobolsk was delayed by the coup against Gorbachev.

By then, however, Mr Sawczuk — who has been entered for a class 4 consistent achievement award — had developed a network of Russian contacts and DGI decided to invest time and money in pursuing other opportunities. Work was often uncomfortable and even dangerous.

Early opportunities came from the EC's technical assistance fund for the Commonwealth of Independent States and a commission was secured to study food distribution in Tyumen, an area the size of Western Europe.

Since then, eight projects worth a total of more than £100 million have been completed or are in progress and more projects are under consideration. Mr Sawczuk says: "We now work far outside the limits of our normal UK consultancy services. The thirst for knowledge in Russia is staggering and we are happy to help, even at no fee."



Basil Sawczuk, an architect working in Siberia, with native people of the tundra outside their tents

NATURAL RESOURCES INSTITUTE

WHEN drought caused the loss of two thirds of Zambia's grain harvest in 1992, the Natural Resources Institute at Chatham, Kent, helped the Zambian government to store 1.2 million tonnes of imported maize and curb the spread of a voracious pest, the larger grain borer.

The institute is seeking a class 2 British consultancy firm of the year award. A landlocked country, Zambia had to import a large proportion of the grain through Tanzania, where the pest is endemic. So far the beetles have been kept out of southern Africa, where they could cause great hardship. The imported maize had to be monitored for fungi and discolouration from storage in the heat, but grading specifications were established and some damaged maize was used for brewing or as animal feed.

JOHN MILLBAND

MAINTAINING the national road network is vital in Nepal, a landlocked country with wide extremes of climate and terrain.

Class 1 award finalist John Millband, of O'Sullivan & Graham, was resident director for three years of a unit funded by British and Swiss aid programmes to help the country's roads department.

Although the highway network had been expanding rapidly, the department lacked the capacity to maintain the system and the roads were deteriorating.

The maintenance problem was exacerbated by landslips caused by the country's unstable geology.

Mr Millband involved his team in planning highways and their maintenance while they trained the Nepalese to manage the system. This caused progress to be slower than the aid agencies would have wished — but it avoided wasting their money.

NHS OVERSEAS ENTERPRISES

WITH the World Health Organisation predicting that 30 million people will be infected with the HIV virus by the end of the century, ten million of them children, NHS Overseas Enterprises has won a two-year contract to set up a pioneering centre to serve the developing world.

NHS Overseas Enterprises, which is entered for awards in classes 2 and 3, expects to include 100 consultants in the project which will involve the NHS, universities and Aids-related organisations.

At least ten countries will be visited, and local health and AIDS consultants will join each team. British experts will gain experience overseas and knowledge can be pooled to provide the most effective methods of prevention and control of Aids.

HORWATH CONSULTING

TO counter the effects of a decade of conflict and reduce an unemployment rate of more than 16 per cent, Horwath Consulting formulated a long-term tourism development plan for Sri Lanka.

The firm, which has entered for award classes 2 and 3, devised a five-year programme which included a training scheme and a detailed action plan.

A team of British consultants with a wide range of specialisations worked with counterparts at the Ceylon Tourist Board. It immediately became clear that more emphasis needed to be placed on upgrading tourist facilities and areas, so terms of reference had to be widened.

Government spending on tourism is to be more than doubled. In return, the aim is to multiply revenue five-fold in ten years.

O'SULLIVAN & GRAHAM

ZIMBABWE'S Dairy Marketing Board, which is to be privatised, is responsible for marketing the products of one of the country's major industries — collecting milk from 537 farms and delivering finished products ranging from treated milk to cheese, yoghurt and ice cream to shops.

O'Sullivan & Graham was commissioned to re-organise and supervise the re-equipping of the board's ramshackle transport fleet that served an area larger than Germany but has a tiny population.

The project was so successful that O'Sullivan & Graham was awarded additional work in financial control, ending overmanning and improving management. It si seeking a class 2 award to become British consultancy firm of the year.

MOTT MACDONALD

WHEN severe corrosion affected the river gates of the 50-year-old Sukkur Barrage in Pakistan, British funding, consultancy and contractors averted a catastrophe that had threatened the livelihoods of more than ten million people.

The mile-long dam across the Indus controls water to the largest integrated irrigation system in the world, covering three million hectares. One of the 66 river gates had failed and many other gates were found to be affected by the corrosion.

The major exercise undertaken by Mott MacDonald, a class 2 entry for the British consultancy of the year award, included replacing the gates and counterweights, and refurbishing other mechanical and electrical components.

Mott MacDonald enabled the life of the dam to be extended by at least 25 years. In an eight-year project, essential rehabilitation work was completed on time, within budget, at a cost of £20.8 million.

AEP

WHILE the TGV rail route was welcomed in the north of France, it met strong opposition south of Paris and a consultant's report, written in French, was needed within six weeks to assess six possible ways of overcoming objections.

Arup Economics and Planning (AEP), which is seeking the British small consultancy firm of the year award, had successfully promoted the eastern route between London and the Channel tunnel, against British Rail opposition. It won the French contract because of its record, even though the bid was not the cheapest.

Relations with French railway staff were at first frosty but soon became cordial and it took less than a month for the final report to be sent by courier to the ministry in Paris. AEP is a specialist consultancy with 22 members.

RICHARD BIRCH

KARACHI is a city where half the ten million population has no mains water and the rest is supplied only intermittently, while up to 40 per cent of water is lost through leaks.

Richard Birch, of Mott MacDonald, is project director for a £360 million scheme to help the city cope, even though the population is expected to grow to 14 million 2000.

Mr Birch looks after the interests of organisations funding the project — the World Bank, the Overseas Development Agency, the Pakistan government, and several Pakistan firms — as well as motivating the team of 12 expatriates and 100 local engineers.

He is also helping the Karachi Water and Sewerage Board to acquire the expertise and administrative structure needed to cope with its greater role. Britain has benefited through invisible earnings and has won contracts for the project worth £30 million.

Briton gave Japan fire-safety advice

Dr Paula Beever of Ove Arup, one of the three contenders for the class 1 award of British consultant of the year, was instrumental in defining the fire safety measures for the new Kansai international airport in Japan. She had to persuade the Japanese authorities to accept a design based on engineering principles rather than the normal strict adherence to Japanese building codes.

She negotiated with a committee of Japanese experts and provided calculations and documentary evidence to support her proposals and resolve all the objections that arose. For example, Japanese fire safety codes require a building to be divided into compartments of no more than 500 square metres by fire-resistant walls — a restriction that would have hindered the efficiency of a terminal designed to handle 25 million passengers a year.

Instead, safety equipment such as sprinklers was concentrated around shops, offices and kitchens where a fire could take hold.

Dr Beever has now been invited to work on other major airports including Chek Lap Kok in Hong Kong and Sepang in Kuala Lumpur.



Beever: fire safety expert

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NEWS

James Bulger 'battered to death'

■ Little James Bulger was battered to death with bricks and stones then dumped on a railway line by a pair of ten-year-old truants who abducted him from his mother and marched him two-and-a-half miles to his fate, a jury was told.

The trauma of James's last hours was described at Preston Crown Court when two boys, known only as A and B, went on trial for his murder. They deny abducting and killing James and attempting to abduct another child ..... Pages 1, 3

Major promises new Ulster proposals

■ John Major promised fresh proposals to achieve a settlement in Northern Ireland in a move to persuade the Unionists to return to the inter-party constitutional talks. Downing Street said the prime minister had a series of "concrete" and "substantive" proposals..... Pages 1, 2

CIA role in Haiti

Senior members of the Haiti regime blocking the return of Jean Bertrand Aristide are informants working for the Central Intelligence Agency, according to reports leaked to the American press..... Pages 1, 14

Rifkind victory

Malcolm Rifkind appeared last night to have gained a significant victory after staving off the more draconian cuts sought by the Chancellor in the defence budget..... Pages 1, 11

House price rise

House prices have risen by 1.7 per cent over the past 12 months, according to figures from the Nationwide building society. It is the first time prices have risen year-on-year since 1990..... Page 1

Hunt campaign

The British Field Sports Society launched a campaign coinciding with the opening of the fox-hunting season, to counter the actions of hunt saboteurs and local councils that have banned the hunt from their land..... Page 9

Reading for all

For the first time since 1857 the British Library's round reading room was open to all to mark National Library Week.... Page 9

Wine sale

The owner of one of Britain's largest vineyards, Malcolm Kay, of Kent, is selling up because he cannot compete with cheap continental wine allowed under new relaxed rules..... Page 10

Labour attack

Labour seized on official estimates that up to £2 billion will be needed to subsidise the first year of railway privatisation and accused the government of adding "gargantuan" costs..... Page 11

White restraint

The South African National Party, representing the whites, will have the power to restrain an executive dominated by the African National Congress in the national unity government.. Page 12

Union day

The European Union came into existence, following the entry into force of the Maastricht treaty, but with most countries still unsure of its legal status, and more confusingly, what to call the new entity..... Page 13

Republican hopes

Republicans hope to seize the governorship of Virginia and the office of mayor of New York City for the first time since 1965, in elections today..... Page 14

West Bank tension

For the fourth consecutive day heavily-armed Jewish settlers in the occupied West Bank continued their vigilante operations against Palestinians..... Page 15

Wait for it

Peter Brooke, the national heritage secretary, has upset those planning millennium parties by announcing that the 20th century will end not on New Year's eve 1999, but on December 31 2000..... Page 11

Delight in Constable country

■ Two unknown paintings by John Constable have been discovered after a woman took them for valuation to Sotheby's. It was an unexpected visit by the owner, whose family live in the painter's heartland, Dedham Vale. She thought the studies might be by Constable and, after being told that they were the real thing, she was "highly delighted"..... Page 1



The Dalai Lama fitting a pair of his own spectacles to his wax image, unveiled at Madame Tussaud's, London, yesterday

BUSINESS

British Telecom: BT is responding to growing competition for household phone users by cutting the cost of weekend calls anywhere in the country to 10p for three minutes. Charges for businesses are also being trimmed..... Page 25

Unemployment: The government is considering introducing a wholly-new monthly measure of unemployment, likely to rekindle attacks that ministers are fiddling the jobless figures..... Page 25

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index fell 6.8 points to 3164.2. The pound rose to DM2.5073 but a fall against the dollar from $1.4882 to $1.4782 left sterling's index up from 80.8 to just 80.9..... Page 28

SPORT

Danger signal: The Rugby Football Union has accused the All Blacks of "dangerous play far beyond the bounds of acceptable conduct" after Phil de Glanville, of South West, had 15 stitches..... Page 48

Athletics: Two Britons, Colin Jackson and Sally Gunnell, won the male and female athletes of the year at the annual International Athletic Foundation gala in Monte Carlo..... Page 48

Tennis: To coincide with the opening day of the national championships at Telford, it is expected that today four British tennis players, including Chris Bailey, will be nominated to receive financial aid totalling £50,000..... Page 44

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Shaggy tales: Most American pet owners believe, with a conviction bordering on mania, that animals are really just humans in disguise. Ben Macintyre on the hidden life of man's best friend..... Page 16

Season of mists: A wet summer followed by drenching October has resulted in an outbreak of coughs and colds. Dr Thomas Stuttaford on swollen passages..... Page 17

DAY

Tunnel vision: The advertisements signalling that there are just six months to go before the Channel tunnel opens will come as a welcome relief to those dealing with the many disputes..... Page 35

ARTS

Splash of colour: "Hugely enjoyable" is Richard Cork's verdict on Howard Hodgkin's first one-man show in London for five years: "Hodgkin regards painting as an intensely physical act"..... Page 41

Going up: A play by the distinguished Peruvian novelist Mario Vargas Llosa, called *The Madman of the Balconies*, has received its world premiere at the Gate Theatre in London..... Page 42

Fee for two: The record industry's latest ploy is the duet-album: a recording on which one famous singer "duets" with others (not necessarily at the same time), thus increasing the fans that may buy the disc..... Page 43

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Katrina Moore, 25, a nurse who helped victims of the Greysteel gun attack, said that her training had never prepared her for such carnage
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Elton John, the rock singer, who is suing the *Sunday Mirror*, told the High Court of his battle to beat addictions to drugs, alcohol and food
Page 5



Nude pictures of Dewi Sukarno, Indonesia's former first lady, have been banned in her country but have become bestsellers in Japan
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THE TIMES TOMORROW

The edge of the screen

■ What can be done to stop British independent television being edged to the margin of broadcasting?

Speeding up your house sale

■ The average time taken to sell a property is four to six months. Rachel Kelly discovers what you can do if no one seems interested in buying your house

Rice with everything

■ Tim Rice is enjoying his best spell since writing *Evita* with Lloyd Webber: he won his first Oscar this year, and has a new Broadway musical opening next March. Is this the start of a great comeback?

TV LISTINGS

Blow Your Mind (Channel 4, 9.00pm) offers mini-dramas from Angela Carter, Victor Headley, Edgar Allan Poe, Raymond Carver and James Joyce..... Page 47

OPINION

The burden of policy

Violence breeds false hopes as readily as it spawns fear. In spite of Mr Major's optimism, there is still little reason to see the Anglo-Irish Agreement as a plausible basis of peace..... Page 19

Mercury rises

Regulation will always be needed in telecommunications. But real competition, not regulation, will eventually ensure the best deal for the consumer..... Page 19

British brutes

The "beast of Bodmin" is no more likely to go away quietly than is Lord Tebbit. Belief in unidentifiable and dangerous beasts is part of the British idiosyncrasy, and not amenable to natural explanation..... Page 19

COLUMNS

BERNARD LEVIN

The news that Tiny Rowland and the Fayed Bros (purveyors of high-class foodstuffs to the nobility and gentry) have made up their quarrel, left me with curiously mixed feelings. After all, my attempts, over the years, to notch up a reasonably substantial bouquet of libels were nothing but nursery rhymes and trivia compared to what Mr Rowland was hurling at the grocers..... Page 18

WOODROW WYATT

Dick Spring's pronouncements, correctly interpreted by the IRA, mean that if bombings and slaughter are intensified, Northern Ireland can be coerced into voting to join the Republic to stop the murdering: and that we will remove our troops. We must demonstrate that we will not..... Page 18

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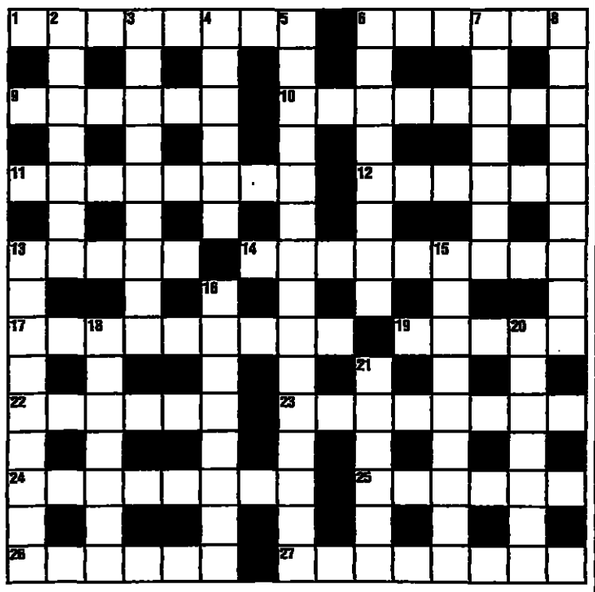
A new home is suggested for Israel's Arab refugees..... Page 19

THE WEEKEND

Part of the Administration's image problem comes from its laudable refusal to live up to send-in-the-marines expections
—The New York Times

The post mortems on Bosnia, the assigning and escaping of blame, are in full swing. They represent not a quest for policy but a flight from reality and responsibility —
The Washington Post

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1 State carriage from station (8).
6 Summon to prepare fast food (4,2).
9 Land here — if a car can make it (6).
10 Does it counteract a love potion? (8).
11 Become talkative, as one may after a big meal (8).
12 American astronomer starts a pipe (6).
13 Singer ruins a hymn (5).
14 Flyer requests several pounds to give interview, perhaps (9).
17 The glare of publicity for the Third Man? (9).
19 Missing a long time, cheap travel guide (5).
22 Headed the detectives, gaining rank (6).
23 Worthless fighter goes back to drugs (8).
24 'Last orders': if ignored, a fight may result (8).
25 Witch-doctor is not the genuine article (6).
26 Filled in gap with yarn (6).
27 Affectionately cuddling baby (8).

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2 When heaven lies about us, in imagination? (7).
3 Roman office gave an uplift in dependants' payment (9).
4 Iranian money given to exchange in Venice (6).
5 It's unnatural to be objecting to whisky (7,3,5).
6 Such a late hour — wife getting irritated (8).
7 Japanese grandee to bear expression of contempt (4-3).
8 Piano and organ teacher (9).
13 Take advantage of circular — it's the way to recruit graduates (4,5).
15 Howl as water is spilled in cap (9).
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18 Nickel found in engine of warship (7).
20 Leaderless men on cricket pitch achieve tie (7).
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Helsinki	7	45	s	Tel Aviv	20	68	c
Hong K	23	73	s	Tenerife	23	73	c
Innsbruck	15	59	s	Tokyo	19	66	s
Istanbul	15	59	f	Toronto*	2	36	sl
Jeddah	31	88	f	Tunis	26	82	s
Jo'burg*	29	84	s	Valencia	19	66	f
Karachi	37	99	s	Vanc'ver*	11	52	s
L.Palmas	24	75	f	Venice	15	59	s
Le Tquet	3	37	f	Vienna	6	43	f
Lisbon	18	64	c	Warsaw	7	45	s
Locarno	11	52	f	Wash'ton*	8	46	d
L Angels*	20	68	f	Wel'ngton	11	52	c
Luxembg	2	36	c	*Zurich*	5	41	c
Luxor	30	86	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 9C (48F); min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F). Humidity: 6pm, 70 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,016.9 millibars, steady.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Isles of Scilly, 11C (52F); lowest day max: Speedeadem, Cumbria, 6C (43F); highest rainfall: Newcastle upon Tyne, 0.03in; highest sunshine: Guernsey, Channel Islands, 6.4hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 10C (50F); min 6pm to 6am, 8C (46F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.1hr.

GLASGOW

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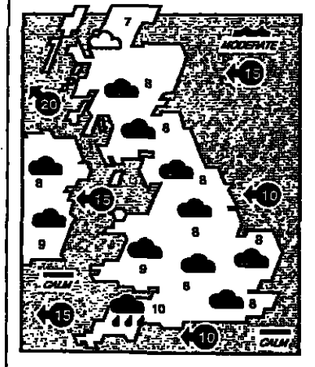
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Aberdeen	-	0.04	9	48	cloudy
Anglesey	0.5	-	10	50	cloudy
Aviemore	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Belfast	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Birmingham	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Bognor Regis	-	-	9	48	dull
Bournemouth	-	-	9	48	dull
Bristol	-	-	9	48	dull
Buxton	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Cardiff	-	-	8	46	dull
Clacton	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Cromer	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Edinburgh	0.2	-	9	48	dull
Eskdalemuir	-	0.03	7	45	drizzle
Exmouth	-	-	8	46	dull
Folkestone	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Glasgow	-	-	9	48	dull
Guernsey	6.4	-	x	x	sunny
Hastings	-	-	7	45	dull
Hunstanton	-	-	10	50	dull
Isle of Man	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Jersey	1.5	-	8	46	cloudy
Kinloss	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Leeds	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Littlehampton	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Liverpool	-	-	9	48	cloudy
London	-	-	10	50	dull
Lowestoft	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Manchester	0.3	-	10	50	cloudy
Morecambe	-	-	9	48	dull
Newcastle	1.4	0.09	9	48	showrs
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Penzance	-	-	9	48	dull
Plymouth	-	-	8	46	dull
Poole	-	-	9	48	dull
Sandown	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Scunton Snd	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Scilly Isles	-	-	11	52	dull
Stornoway	0.1	-	10	50	cloudy
Swanage	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Teignmouth	-	-	9	48	dull
Tenby	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Tiree	-	-	*10*	*50*	cloudy
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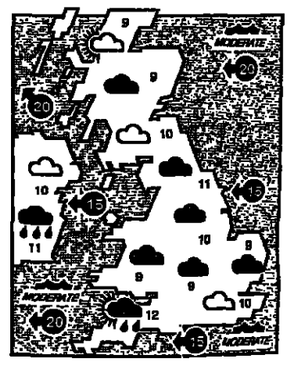
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Austria Sch	18.48	16.96
Belgium Fr	57.40	53.00
Canada $	2.077	1.917
Cyprus Cyp£	0.765	0.735
Denmark Kr	10.69	9.99
Finland Mkk	9.27	8.47
France Fr	9.22	8.52
Germany Dm	2.65	2.44
Greece Dr	378.00	351.00
Hong Kong $	12.14	11.14
Ireland Pt	1.11	1.03
Italy Lira	2546.00	2391.00
Japan Yen	178.00	159.50
Malta Mlt$	0.605	0.550
Netherlands Gld	2.980	2.730
Norway Kr	11.52	10.72
Portugal Esc	269.00	250.00
South Africa Rd	6.90	5.00
Spain Pta	208.00	194.00
Sweden Kr	12.69	11.89
Switzerland Fr	2.34	2.16
Turkey Lira	20200.0	19200.0
USA $	1.585	1.485

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.



TODAY



TOMORROW

London 5.02 pm to 6.26 am
Bristol 5.12 pm to 6.35 am
Edinburgh 5.00 pm to 8.52 am
Manchester 5.04 pm to 6.40 am
Penzance 5.27 pm to 6.44 am

Sun rises: 5.56 am — Sun sets: 4.32 pm
Moon sets: 9.54 am — Moon rises: 6.16 pm
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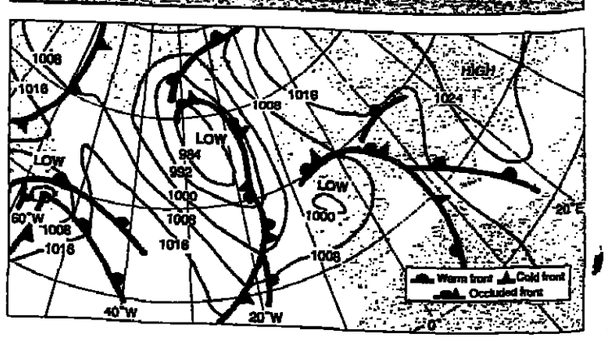
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	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	8	46	c	Guernsey	9	48	c
B'mngham	6	43	c	Inverness	7	45	c
Blackpool	9	48	f	Jersey	8	46	c
Bristol	8	46	c	London	8	46	c
Cardiff	8	46	c	M'nchster	9	48	c
Edinburgh	8	48	c	Newcastle	9	48	c
Glasgow	8	48	c	R'nldsway	9	48	c

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.00	7.0	3.15	7.0	Liverpool	12.12	9.1	12.27	9.1
Aberdeen	2.25	4.1	2.40	4.1	Lowestoft	10.41	2.4	11.00	2.4
Avonmouth	8.22	12.6	8.43	12.4	Margate	—	4.7	1.16	4.7
Belfast	—	—	12.17	3.5	Milford Haven	1.00	6.7	7.44	6.5
Cardiff	9.07	11.7	9.28	11.5	Newquay	7.24	6.7	6.34	6.6
Devonport	7.02	5.3	7.18	5.1	Oban	8.14	3.9	7.06	3.8
Dover	—	—	12.04	6.4	Penzance	6.45	5.4	6.18	5.2
Falmouth	6.32	5.1	6.48	4.9	Portland	6.01	2.1	8.09	1.8
Glasgow	2.07	4.5	2.16	4.1	Portsmouth	7.47	4.6	12.33	4.5
Harwich	12.55	4.0	1.10	3.9	Shoreham	12.18	5.9	12.19	5.9
Holyhead	11.33	5.4	11.53	5.3	Southampton	12.08	—	12.06	4.5
Hull	7.33	7.1	7.45	7.1	Swansea	—	9.1	7.47	8.9
Ilfracombe	7.04	8.9	7.24	8.7	Tees	7.31	5.2	6.01	5.1
King's Lynn	7.39	6.3	7.53	6.4	Wilton-on-Nze	4.42	4.2	1.04	4.1
Leith	3.42	5.2	4.02	5.2		12.48			

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Competition forces BT to cut charges

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

■ Weekend telephone price cuts from next month will cost British Telecom £125 million in a full year with domestic users getting four-fifths of the cost savings

BT is responding to growing competition for household telephone users by cutting the cost of weekend calls anywhere in the country to 10p for three minutes. Charges for businesses using private circuits are also being trimmed.

The reductions, effective from December 4, are the first in a series which will result in a 6.36 per cent cut in the company's prices for the year ending next July. BT must make the reductions if it is to meet the price cap formula of inflation minus 7½ percentage points imposed by Oftel, the industry regulator.

The price changes will accelerate a strategic shift by BT, which has hitherto focused price cuts on business users who were being "cherry-picked" by Mercury and other fast-growing rivals. Now the company has chosen to respond to Mercury's drive into the domestic market and to a surge of interest in telephone services offered by cable television companies.

BT can offer householders price cuts without greatly hurting profitability by passing on the benefits of its massive investment in network modernisation. This has cut costs by improving equipment reliability and enabling the company to shed tens of thousands of staff.

John Davies, BT's director of network services, said the weekend price cut would cost the company about £125 million in a full year; 80 per cent of the benefit would go to household users. Retailers, hauliers and other companies that worked at weekends would also gain, as would public services such as hospitals and the police.

In total, BT is obliged to surrender £500 million of revenue through price-cutting this year. Yesterday's package shows that the company will try to make up for that by encouraging people to use their telephones more.

Michael Hepher, managing director, said the reductions amounted to "a permanent and far-reaching change in our price structure".

The changes were welcomed by telephone users' bodies. Vivienne Peters, chief executive of the Telecommunications Users' Association, said: "These new tariffs ... show that BT is taking seriously the influence of new competitors in the market place and is fighting for business from all subscribers." However, she criticised BT's unit charging method, arguing that calls should be charged according to duration, so that proper comparison with rivals could be made.

Don Cruickshank, director-general of Telecommunications, said the package "is welcome, as residential customers have tended to benefit less than business customers from BT's price changes in the past". He said there should be more reductions soon; the latest changes would bring an average decrease of only 2.03 per cent. He had talked to BT "about the need to give its customers the benefit of price reductions earlier rather than later in the price-control year".

Mr Hepher pledged further cuts. "There are more price reductions on the way," he said. "Both domestic and business customers are going to see massive improvements in their situation over the next few months." He refused to discuss timing, arguing that that would help competitors.

Mr Hepher promised enhancements to Option 15, the package which gives customers a 10 per cent cut in call charges in return for a £4 quarterly advance payment. There would be more help for those who made only limited use of their telephones.

BT also plans to introduce a "Friends and Family" scheme, which will give discounts on nominated numbers which are called often. Mr Hepher said this would be modelled on a package offered by MCI, the American phone company in which BT holds a 20 per cent stake.

For business users, BT promised a package of improvements from December 1. Connection charges for MegaStream digital circuits will be cut by a quarter, and volume discounts will be offered. But prices for analogue circuits will go up by 2.5 per cent, ahead of the rate of inflation.

British Telecom shares reacted favourably to the announcement, rising 3½p to 465½p.

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Old Baltic Exchange for sale



Any buyer would need to restore the St Mary Axe building, damaged by a bomb last year

By Carl Mortished

THE site of the old Baltic Exchange in the City of London could be sold to a property developer for £20 million. The Exchange, owner of the freehold of the listed St Mary Axe building, which was partially demolished by an IRA bomb last year, is seeking a buyer for the building.

Peter Tudball, Exchange chairman, has told shareholders that Hillier Parker, the surveyor, has been instructed to find a buyer or joint venture partner to redevelop the site, whose trading floor is larger that than that required by the shipping exchange.

Mr Tudball said that the Baltic Exchange is required by English Heritage to rebuild the listed portions, including the façade, and any buyer would take on that liability. "It would cost between £12 million and £15 million to restore the listed building," he said.

Land values in the City have plummeted from their peak in the late 1980s, when the one-acre St Mary Axe might have fetched £100 million. Surveyors said yesterday that the land would be worth one fifth of that amount.

The Baltic Exchange received £27 million in settlement of its insurance claim after the bombing. Mr Tudball said most of the money was still on deposit, though the Exchange intended to use the funds to buy a freehold "within a reasonable distance of the old site".

Nick Baucher, of Hillier Parker, said there were existing planning applications for a 250,000 sq ft development on the site and he expected interest from the healthier property companies as well as institutions.

A buyer would probably have to obtain permission from English Heritage to delay the restoration of the listed building, which is required to be completed next year. The proposed sale of the Baltic Exchange follows a flurry of big investment deals at yields of about 7.5 per cent, including the £170 million sale of the EBRD's headquarters to DGI, the German fund.

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GPA chiefs to share $5m rescue bonus

By A Correspondent

EXECUTIVES at GPA, the stricken Irish aircraft lessor, will share a bonus of up to $5 million for completing the restructuring of a company with debts of $5 billion and losses of almost £1 billion for the year to March.

Last Friday, GPA managers wrapped up the deal with General Electric Capital of the US, which rescued the company from near-bankruptcy. GE now has an option to take majority control.

GPA sources conceded yesterday that some shareholders had complained about the $5 million, but the sources said the bonus had the overwhelming support of investors and bankers.

There have already been complaints from some shareholders about proposals to pay $2 million to GPA's founder, Tony Ryan, for loss of office. Under the restructuring he has left GPA to take up a position with the GE Capital subsidiary that manages the combined GPA-GE fleet of nearly 1,000 aircraft.

Mitsubishi Trust and the Public School Employees Retirement Board of Pennsylvania, two of five subscribers to an earlier $130 million GPA debt issue, forced the company to amend its restructuring documents so that Mr Ryan's pay-off is determined by an independent arbitrator. He is claiming the money on the basis of his contract. Other former GPA executives appear to have less-fortified agreements with their employer.

GPA said yesterday there had been no formal objections to the $5 million bonus. It said: "At the time this was proposed our managers were subject to many job offers. They were asked to stay and see this process through. They took on an enormous workload in what has been an insecure environment. They have worked seven days a week, 16-18 hours a day and have been away from home for long periods. The bonus compensates for this."

About 100 GPA executives will share most of the bonus. Average executive salaries at GPA were about $100,000.

Monthly jobless count may use random index

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

THE government is considering introducing a new monthly measure of unemployment in a move likely to rekindle criticism that ministers are fiddling the jobless figures.

Government statisticians regard the new index of unemployment, being considered by Whitehall officials, as a more accurate indicator of the real number of people out of work. Officials in the department of employment are considering the feasibility of a new monthly count based on a random sample of households across Britain, rather than a full count of those out of work and claiming benefit.

While no decision has yet been taken, such a move would refocus political attention on government economic data.

Whitehall officials proposing the move want to switch the quarterly Labour Force Survey (LFS) to a monthly count. The figures have been criticised for excluding a number of people who are actually unemployed but who, for a range of reasons, are unable to claim benefit.

While the government would continue to collect statistics on those claiming benefit, it is unclear whether the benefit count would continue to be published alongside a new survey-based measurement of unemployment.

Statisticians believe a monthly LFS measure of unemployment, based on a sample of 60,000 weighted by population figures, would give a better picture of joblessness — and one which would be in line with standard international measures of unemployment.

But some officials are insisting that the new measure would be both prohibitively expensive and contain an unacceptably high margin of error. The quarterly LFS costs between £6 million and £8 million annually to produce.

In addition, while the claimant count produces a precise figure, which is then seasonally-adjusted to give a better picture of the trend, an LFS measure in line with the current basis of the figures would produce an unemployment total accurate to plus or minus 60,000 — about the same as the net total fall in unemployment for the whole of this year as measured by the claimant count.

An LFS count would not break down beyond a regional level — prompting charges from opposition parties that the government would be disguising the real level of unemployment as it affects people locally.

A move to a monthly LFS count would bring a change in the unemployment figures far greater than the string of about 30 changes to the statistical basis of the claimant-count figures that took place during the 1980s.

A spokesman for John Prescott, shadow employment secretary, said: "We would be very suspicious of any changes in the system like this, which would be done not for statistical accuracy but for political convenience."

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Telecoms watchdog foresees age of choice


Cruickshank: key test

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

DON Cruickshank, Britain's new head of telecoms regulation, has a consumer's-eye view of competition. "My test of whether we are getting there is what proportion of customers have a real choice, by which I mean three or four organisations to which they can go for their service, at a competitive price," he says. "There are very few domestic consumers who yet have a real choice, but it is coming, particularly in the areas that are cabled."

Today's telecoms market, in which BT still carries more than 90 per cent of the traffic, clearly fails the Cruickshank test. But in an industry evolving rapidly under the impact of new technology, traffic shares are poor indicators of competition.

Two-thirds of Britons will ultimately have the opportunity to take telephony services from cable television companies. Mercury is targeting householders, and new services are coming on stream, at lower prices, in mobile communications. Choice and price competition are developing simultaneously.

A softly spoken Scot with a novel ability to talk about the jargon-riddled complexities of telecommunications in plain English, Mr Cruickshank has inherited from Sir Bryan Carsberg, his predecessor, an industry in flux. The task of the new Director-General of Telecommunications is to ensure that consumers finally see the benefits of privatisation, almost ten years after BT was offered for sale.

At privatisation, he observes, business customers were the most profitable part of BT's operations, delivering fat profits on long-distance and international calls. It was hardly surprising, then, that, "in the past, most of the savings have gone to business customers". But "BT can't go on giving reductions to business users for ever," he says. "As the years go by, it gets more and more likely that domestic customers will benefit."

BT has spent huge sums modernising its network. "Over the years, BT has been getting more and more efficient," Mr Cruickshank says. "Ten years on, we are beginning to see a more balanced approach to their customers. This is the first time BT has had to make a significant price change since it became apparent when the cable companies started to compete."

Mr Cruickshank has seen the research which underlies BT's decision to focus price cuts on weekend calls, and he thinks the company is beginning to give customers what they want. But consumers have yet to catch up. "The thing that strikes me most about this industry is how ill-informed the customer is," he says. "The telephone companies have made precious little effort to inform their customers." That must now change, he says, if consumers are to reap the benefits of choice.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Lloyd's investment trust may be cancelled

JOHNSON Fry, the financial adviser, may have to cancel its Lloyd's investment trust owing to lack of demand. The Corporate Insurance Recovery Trust (CIRT), headed by David Heron, a senior City derivatives figure, had raised just £8 million out of a maximum target of £50 million by yesterday afternoon. Applications close at 10am today. Alastair Altham, a director of Johnson Fry Securities, said a decision on whether to proceed would be taken this afternoon. He said: "You always get a rush of funds in the last 24 hours."

The CIRT has been pitched at private investors by restricting minimum subscriptions to £3,000. The trust aims to raise at least £15 million to invest in a portfolio of Lloyd's corporate funds. Many of the larger corporate vehicles are tailored for institutions. It is less than two weeks since names backed calls to allow corporate funds into the insurance market for the first time. Mr Altham said investors had had very little time to decide whether to join in. He has had expressions of interest from "one or two" institutional investors. Johnson Fry will pick up the costs if the issue does not proceed. The offer is sponsored by Allied Provincial Securities.

McDonnell takes off

McDONNELL Douglas, the American aerospace and defence group, returned to the black with net earnings of $142 million in the three months to end-September, compared with third-quarter losses of $42 million last year. The results include a net gain of $41 million, or $1.05 per share, from changes in tax obligations. But even after exceptional items are excluded, earnings were still a record $101 million, or $2.57 per share. Commercial aircraft earnings were $16 million ($37 million) while those of military aircraft were $142 million ($166 million loss, due to a $269 million write-off).

US manufacturing rises

MANUFACTURING in America grew last month for the first time since May, according to a survey of corporate purchasing managers. The National Association of Purchasing Management reported that activity in 15 out of 20 industries increased. The survey is seen as a good gauge of future economic activity, because purchasing managers are responsible for buying inputs for the nation's factories. Robert J Bretz, chairman of the association's business survey committee, said: "A surge in orders provided the fuel for significant improvement in the economy."

BM sells American unit

BM Group, the debt-laden engineering concern, continued its disposal programme with the $14.9 million sale of its Linder Industrial Machinery subsidiary, which distributes industrial and construction equipment in Florida, to Komatsu America Corporation. Linder is the first of its three US distributors to be sold. BM, which recently negotiated committed loan facilities with its lender banks until the end of 1994, is cutting costs and borrowings by reducing its shareholdings in its construction-equipment distribution subsidiaries. BM sold its remaining UK distributors in September.

Cranswick warning

SHARES in Cranswick, an animal feed and pork products group, fell 28p to 163p after the company gave warning that pre-tax profits for the six months to September 30 were likely to fall to £700,000, from £968,000 previously, though the interim dividend will be maintained at 2.4p. Cranswick said a "substantial and unforeseen fall in pig prices throughout August and September" was one reason for its difficulties. It expects pig prices to stabilise, in which case the second half should be better than the first. Pre-tax profits in the year to March 31 were £1.71 million and the total dividend was 7.5p.

£160m project for NWW

NORTH West Water has signed a £160 million contract with the Thai government to provide a waste-water network and treatment facility for 700,000 people in central Bangkok. NWW has a 50 per cent stake in the deal and will be in charge of design, engineering and project management. Because Bangkok's streets are heavily congested, there will be substantial use of micro-tunnelling to avoid disruption. The plant will be Bangkok's first large waste-water treatment facility, providing secondary treatment for a daily flow of 510,000 cubic metres.

Trainees need 'more help with child care'

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

FEWER than four in 100 trainees on government-funded schemes receive help with child care, according to a report, although Training and Enterprise Councils, which oversee national training initiatives, are obliged to try to arrange financial and other help.

The Daycare Trust and the National Council for Voluntary Organisations argue that the lack of child care is stopping many unemployed people with children from receiving training.

Martin Ayton, of the NCVO, said: "The provision of childcare support for participants on government-funded, Tec-managed training programmes may be described at best as patchy and at worst as erratic and inadequate."

A survey by the two organisations covered a representative sample of 10 per cent of Tecs in England and Wales. Of the 10,873 trainees questioned, only 362, or 3.35 per cent, were helped with child care.

The report urges the employment department and Tecs to standardise policy over the country, setting targets and providing realistic funding for child care. Susan McQuail, author of the report, said that delegating the awarding of allowances to Tecs had undermined the potential for helping lone parents return to work.

She said: "In practice, lone parents are being excluded from training because they cannot get child care support. Without it, their chances of escaping benefits are small."

The government spent £6.6 billion on single parents in 1992-3, 9 per cent of its social security budget. In 1978-9, the figure was £2.44 billion, or about 5.5 per cent. Ministers have expressed concern about the cost of supporting unemployed single parents.

Post Office seeks wider role in public sector

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE government is considering detailed proposals from the Post Office on ways of giving it greater commercial freedom without privatising it.

The Post Office yesterday publicly attacked government financial controls as "stifling". Privately, managers have tabled recommendations to ministers on ways of freeing the service from the restrictions of the public spending system, while at the same time maintaining the Post Office within the public sector.

While Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, has not yet decided on whether the Post Office should be privatised, managers agree that ministers are likely to keep the service public.

Privately, they confirm a report in *The Times* two weeks ago that ministers have accepted that privatisation will not proceed because they do not believe the plan could command a majority in the Commons and could cause a backbench revolt.

Managers are encouraged by ministers' acceptance of the argument that in order to respond to competition, at home and abroad, the Post Office should be given more commercial freedom while remaining in the public sector.

Parcelforce, the parcel-carrying arm, is likely to be privatised, though Post Office Counters would maintain a service for small parcels.

The Post Office, whose contribution to the Treasury is set to treble to £181 million this year, is keen to have the restrictions on its ability to borrow money lifted.

Managers want to move the service into new areas, many of which would be prohibited to it under current systems of financial control. Bill Cockburn, chief executive of the Post Office, pointed to three specific areas in which the service wanted to operate:

☐ Raising capital to invest in new projects without needing Whitehall approval;

☐ Entering into joint ventures with UK and other companies, and being able to buy and establish subsidiaries;

☐ Taking on new work currently banned, such as carrying out more work for private-sector businesses.


Bill Cockburn wants the government to deliver greater freedom to the Post Office

Writing in the Post Office's journal, Mr Cockburn said: "It's vital to all of us that the government come up with the right answer — to give the Post Office greater commercial freedom and to release us from the present public sector financial and other controls which hold us back."

Mr Cockburn also held out the prospect of employees and sub-postmasters having a direct stake in the business through dividends and profit-sharing schemes.

The Post Office proposals include looking at postal systems in The Netherlands, where the postal service is to be privatised, and New Zealand. Both nations have halfway houses for holding their services between public and private sectors.

While remaining 100 per cent government-owned, such arrangements take postal services out of their country's public spending nets and allow them to operate more openly in commercial markets.

Think tank calls for policing of regulators

BY OUR ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE regulation of UK privatised monopolies is overextended, confused, unaccountable, discretionary, secretive and ruled by personality cults, says a panel of members of the Adam Smith Institute, the free market think tank.

The report, *But who will regulate the regulators?*, concludes that the National Audit Office should conduct annual policy reviews, charged with monitoring the regulators and making them accountable, and that a new parliamentary committee should be formed to interview regulators.

Regulation should be limited more precisely "to those intrinsically monopolistic elements where resources cannot be rationed by market principles". The report even gives warning that the "enormous unchecked power of the regulators had led to "creeping regulation" of activities which should instead be unregulated or opened up to competition and that this power "could be used by an incoming government to effectively re-nationalise the utilities".

The institute argues that the consumer would be better served if the utilities were opened up to greater competition and if the power of regulators was scaled back at the same time. Keeping prices down artificially discourages potential competitors from entering the market but wider competition might force prices even lower in the long run.

The report also asserts that an absence of clear rules and accountability for the regulators means that they have a great deal of discretionary power and that this has too often led to fierce arguments between the regulators and the utilities, "the outcome of which has depended more on the personalities of the protagonists and their flair at media management than on any rational deliberation".

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SAS keeps its sights on British Midland

BY OUR WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

PLANS by SAS, the Scandinavian airline, to tighten its hold on British Midland, Britain's number two carrier, will be unaffected by the formation of the Alcazar alliance between SAS, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Swissair and Austrian Airlines, SAS sources said.

Alcazar negotiations enter a critical phase this week, with a meeting of the four would-be partners' boards set for Friday. Trade union and political resistance to the alliance threatens to delay an agreement, intended to allow the project to go ahead in January.

SAS sources told *The Times* that, irrespective of the outcome of Alcazar, SAS would intensify its relationship with British Midland. SAS wants to raise its 40 per cent stake in Airlines of Britain Holdings (ABH), British Midland's parent. But the sources said that SAS is in no hurry.

Sir Michael Bishop, founder-chairman of British Midland, has made closer co-operation between SAS and his airline difficult, according to the sources. They said Sir Michael's desire for a "one-man show" made for poor communications between the airline and its major shareholder, although this had been improving since a Scandinavian director was appointed to the board. Where SAS often used to learn about Sir Michael's rapid-fire decisions from the press, it now has a better early-warning system.

Aer Lingus on course for peace with staff

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN DUBLIN

AER Lingus moved a step closer to putting a complex rescue plan into effect yesterday when it reached agreement in principle with its trade unions on payroll cuts of Ir£21 million (£19.8 million).

Although some issues were referred to an arbitrator, concessions from the airline of shift allowances won agreement from the unions on amended work practices and voluntary redundancies.

Aer Lingus will shed more than 800 jobs and cut the equivalent of a further 400 jobs through reductions in overtime. Yesterday's agreement will be put to mass meetings of airline workers, who are expected to approve the deal. Union consent will not guarantee the future of Aer Lingus, which lost Ir£47 million on operations last year before exceptional losses of Ir£141 million.

Management must implement a further Ir£29 million in non-payroll cost savings and needs to bolster a weakened balance sheet. Aer Lingus owes about Ir£600 million and has shareholders' funds of approximately Ir£100 million.

The Irish government has agreed to invest Ir£175 million, against a requested Ir£550 million, though this is subject to the scrutiny of the EC under competition law. British Midland, Ryanair and Cityflier Express have told Brussels they intend to make formal objections about the funding.

Bass pays £9m for Czech mate

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

BASS, Britain's biggest brewer, has agreed to pay about £9 million for a stake of at least 34 per cent in Prague Breweries, the second largest brewing company in the Czech Republic. The republic is the fifth biggest beer market in Europe, excluding Russia, and ranks 15th worldwide.

The agreement is the first tie-up between a major Czech brewery and an international partner, allowing Bass to steal a march on American would-be suitors for the leading Czech beermakers.

Prague Breweries, the only major Czech beermaker to have been fully privatised, has 10 per cent of the home market and ranks number three in the export trade.

Bass will acquire its stake, which could eventually rise to 40 per cent, through subscription to new equity in the Czech brewer. The deal will give Bass the British and international distribution rights for Staropramen, Prague's premium lager, except for Eastern Europe.

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Azerbaijan wins new oil deal

BY CARL MORTISHED

A GROUP of eight Western oil companies, including a BP-Statoil joint venture, will pay $500 million to the republic of Azerbaijan as a sweetener to a production sharing agreement over 3 billion barrels of oil under the Caspian Sea.

In addition to the signature bonus, Azerbaijan will take 80 per cent of the profits from oil extracted from the Azeri and Chirag fields, while the Western consortium will retain 20 per cent. The foreign oil companies expect to earn profits of $20 billion after production costs estimated at $7 billion.

The new deal represents a substantial improvement for Azerbaijan on terms previously agreed by Socar, the country's national oil company. Following the takeover by President Heidar Aliyev in June, Azerbaijan appointed Marat Manafov, a Slovakian businessman, to reopen negotiations, demanding a larger share of the profits.

The consortium will pay half the bonus on ratification of the contract by the Azerbaijan parliament and half when a pipeline route is agreed.

US names suffer fresh court setback

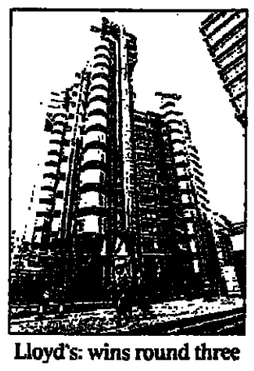
FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

LLOYD'S of London won a further round against 100 American names seeking to sue the insurance market for fraud and breach of US securities law. The US Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal and upheld earlier rulings that American investors could not sue Lloyd's for securities fraud in US courts.

A federal judge in New York had dismissed the Americans' action without ruling on the merits of the case. The judge said agreements the American names had signed obliged them to press their case in England.

A New York federal appeals court later supported the ruling, saying the American names had failed to prove that English law was inadequate to deter fraud. Dale Schreiber, a lawyer with Proskauer Rose Goetz & Mendelsohn, the New York firm which is advising more than 100 names, said yesterday: "We are very disappointed. There is other action we can take in the US and we are considering this... I cannot say if we will take the matter to the English courts."

The ruling is the third setback to the US names, who argue that Lloyd's, in recruiting them, effectively offered an investment and should have been registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the 1933 Securities Act. The names say English law and legal procedure would almost certainly insulate Lloyd's from liability.


Lloyd's: wins round three

☐ The prospect of a corporate war between the UK and the US was averted when the Supreme Court agreed to hear Barclays Bank's appeal over California's policy of taxing worldwide profits. Barclays' case is backed by the British government.

The move is the latest twist in a near 20-year battle challenging California's right to tax corporations on profits made outside the state boundary. Defeat could mean a loss of $900 million for the state.

The state has now changed its policy, taxing only profits made within its boundaries. But the current case concerns past years. The appeal is likely to be a test case for scores of other foreign-owned companies. The UK government, which filed a motion with the US Supreme Court two weeks ago demonstrating its support for Barclays, has warned that it is prepared to use retaliatory action against US companies based in Britain unless the issue is resolved.

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☐ Wanted: one strongman to appease shareholders ☐ BT cuts a dash ☐ M0 back in the spotlight

Solving Queens Moats howler

☐THE image, however cruel, of David Howell failing to a acknowledge that check-out time has come and gone at Queens Moat Hotels is embarrassing for the former energy secretary, embarrassing for his new found mentors, Stanley Metcalfe and Andrew Coppel, and leaves something not entirely dissimilar to egg yolk on not a few pages of the Cadbury Report.

Coppel insists that he requested Howell, and former NatWest banker John Gale, to remain as non-executives at Queens Moat in order to ensure "continuity." Shareholders, however, may well be forgiven for taking the view that, in the light, or semi-light, of the events of 1992-3, "continuity" served up Howell and Gale style is hardly what is required. What shareholders would like to see is the appointment of a "toughie" — Sir Alastair Morton, or even a distant relation, might, conceivably, fit the bill.

In the event, Howell has let it be known: "I am staying" adding that "Queens Moat is a company with a very good future".

All of which is of little consolation to shareholders who, in the wake of the massive write down in Queens Moat's asset values, are left to wait on details of the proposed capital reconstruction which, on the face of things, will include them in, but only just.

A strong man appointment is clearly required to assuage shareholders' concerns that Jones Lang Wootton's controversial £861 million revaluation is indeed fair; bearing in mind Weatherall Green & Smith's £2 billion valuation just 12 months earlier.

After all, Coppel has opined that he is "optimistic" about the long term recovery potential of the company's asset values and Howell's crystal ball appears equally rosy. With such remarks — along with the capital reconstruction — in mind, shareholders will presumably show more than a passing interest in the contracts awarded to Coppel and Metcalfe, with the latter reputed to receive in excess of £175,000 in respect of his three day a week role as non-executive chairman. Although certain matters, including the alleged unlawful payment of dividends during 1991-3, have been "brought to the attention" of the DTI there has been no "formal request" for an investigation.

John Bairstow, who founded the company and resigned as chairman earlier this year, told *The Times* yesterday: "If the DTI thinks there are matters that deserve its attention and decides to conduct an enquiry I would welcome it and co-operate in every way."

He added: "I still consider the property valuation differences to be so wide that they should be looked at by an independent body. The banks have been most co-operative and I am sure they are as concerned about the valuations as shareholders."

A few words to shareholders from Mr Howell would not go amiss, preferably just two.

Low prices don't mean low profits

☐ THERE was an air of delight at BT's Newgate Street City headquarters yesterday. After almost a decade of being pilloried for fat profits, the utility unveiled a package of price cuts that offer ordinary householders savings of up to 64 per cent on calls. True, they only come two days a week, but it is clear more reductions are to come. At last, BT's people feel they are on a



winning team. This might seem silly, given BT's continued dominance of telephone traffic in the UK. The company's market share will surely continue to decline over the years but it is now clear that BT is not doomed to wither gradually in the face of growing competition from cable operators, new wired networks and cellular radiophone rivals. The former monopoly has discovered a new vision of the future, in which lower costs and an expanding market provide real opportunities for growth.

For those sceptical of insiders' ability to change, it is tempting to ascribe the new mood to Michael Hepher, BT's admirably pragmatic managing director. But his straight-talking merely makes it easier to understand the reform that BT has achieved.

The foundation of the new optimism is massive investment in network modernisation over the past decade. Digital exchanges and optical fibre have transformed the efficiency and reliability of the network, enabling BT to shed tens of thousands of workers and deliver its services more cheaply.

Erstwhile claims of the monopoly-minded that millions of households could not be profitably served appear increasingly *passé*. Denied the opportunity to sell cable TV services along fibre optic cable, BT has responded with imagination. While engineers focus on making old wires perform new tricks, its marketing folk have embraced the challenge of price-cutting to encourage people to make more use of their phones. BT's challenge is to persuade us to make more and longer calls, and dissuade us from switching to cable operators, while keeping costs on a downward path.

To keep the financial numbers moving the right way will be no easy task in this climate. But recent evidence suggests that at this stage, BT still has much to play for. When its "Sunday Specials" promotion was introduced last year, the volume of calls on Sundays doubled, without any loss of weekday business. If BT can perfect this conjuring trick, the good cheer will extend to shareholders and customers alike.

Little M0 stages a comeback

☐ FOR contrary thinkers, a wise practice is to pay attention to economic indicators that have been relegated to limbo by prevailing economic opinion. They usually presage the unsuspected problems that are liable to blow up in policy-makers' faces. On that principle, the things to watch in coming months are the balance of payments, the tax and prices index and M0, the narrow measure of money supply.

Little M0, a fallen star if ever there was one, crept shyly back into the light when the Bank of England, having revealed its pre-Budget caution over interest rates, announced it would advance publication of the October M0 figure by 24 hours to coincide with today's *Quarterly Bulletin*, including the Bank's still-novel inflation report. This highlights the previously ignored acceleration of M0 growth, which reached 5.3 per cent in September, its highest for more than three years.

City analysts, who can usually forecast the monthly change accurately from weekly cash figures, are confused this time by changes in seasonal adjustments and bankers' balances. Forecasts range from annual growth of 5.4 per cent to 5.7 per cent. Either way, base money growth is accelerating away from its policy monitoring range of 0-4 per cent.

M0 is monitored as one indicator among many, rather than targeted, because policy-makers lost confidence that they knew what it tells. M0 is still supposed to reflect the current state of the economy but no one is sure if movements due to changes in the pattern of retail sales, payment methods or the slow impact of low interest rates on cash holdings are relevant. The Treasury expected M0 growth to slow by now, however. Either it set the wrong monitoring range or a problem is looming. Deciding which should now be a priority at the Bank.

Tarmac plans £70m flotation for Ruberoid

By Martin Waller
Deputy City Editor

■ Tarmac is joining a growing band of companies that believe it will be more profitable to float an unwanted business on the stock market than through a trade sale

TARMAC, the construction-to-quarrying combine, is to float its waterproofing business in a move that will restore to the stock market listings one of the best-known names in the building industry.

The Ruberoid float is expected by the end of this year. If this demanding timetable can be met and an estimated £70 million raised from new investors, Tarmac will have reached its target of £300 million-worth of disposals over a two-year period, but at a cost of substantial write-offs.

Tarmac is the third business of late to take the view that in today's booming stock market a flotation can be more profitable than a straight trade sale. The Ruberoid businesses, the main part of its industrial products division, have been for sale since Neville Simms became chief executive in February 1992.

He began a disposals programme to slim Tarmac to its core businesses, construction, quarrying and housebuilding. It has taken the view that a trade sale might have caused potential purchasers monopolies problems, while a break-up of the industrial products division would have cut the proceeds of sale.

Already this year, Albert Fisher, the food group, has started the flotation of its Charles Sidney motor dealership and Forte has said it will float its airport services.

The Ruberoid share issue will be by means of a placing and offer for sale sponsored by Robert Fleming, the broker.

Tarmac first acquired the original Ruberoid business for £140 million in late-1988, against competition from Raine Industries, another building company, which had launched a rival bid. The purchase was part of an expansion programme that brought Tarmac to its knees when the construction industry ground to a halt in the recession. The float will reduce further the group's gearing, already cut by a £215 million rights issue this autumn, from 38 per cent to closer to 30 per cent of shareholders' funds.

But the group will be required to take big write-offs in the next report and accounts, for 1993, to reflect the fall in the value of the companies being sold.

Ruberoid, reconstructed as a new company, will acquire the eponymous roofing materials business and other ventures, including Permanite, Briggs Amasco and Aaronite. Tarmac is retaining its curtain walling business and the Fyrespan and Pollards companies.

A pathfinder prospectus will be rushed out shortly. Ian McPherson, a Tarmac director responsible for the American side, will be the chief executive of Ruberoid.

Mr Simms said he had considered a number of options for the business "and believed that flotation was the best route for Tarmac, for future development and growth of the business and for Ruberoid's employees, who will have the opportunity of investing more directly in the business for which they work".

Turnover of the companies being floated was £264 million in 1992. Once relisted, Ruberoid will be a maker, distributor and contractor providing waterproofing systems with leading market positions in Britain, the Irish Republic, Belgium and The Netherlands.

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TONY WHITE



The equality battle: Women's progress at work is being sabotaged by a "siege mentality" among male middle managers, Lady Howe, who chairs the Opportunity 2000 pressure group for women in business, said yesterday. Insisting that passive support for equal opportunities among business leaders was no longer an option if real change was to be effected, Lady Howe, pictured centre, said at the launch of the campaign's second annual report, that the pressure for greater opportunities for women was now making a difference in companies' bottom lines. Pictured with Lady Howe are Barbara Harmer, British Airways' first female Concorde pilot, left, and Sharon Lemon, a part-time police inspector with the Metropolitan Police.

Tiphook driven to new low

By Our Deputy City Editor

SHARES in Tiphook, the battered trailer-leasing company, came under renewed pressure and fell 14p to 96p at one stage yesterday, a new low, as the market scented damaging legal action from embittered American investors.

The shares later recovered to end 5p lower at 105p. The group has issued $700 million of bonds in the US over the past year, most of them with Lehman Brothers, the American investment house, as lead underwriter, and the bulk went to purchasers across the Atlantic.

As the shares plunged from a high of 380p in March after a string of profits warnings and poor trading statements, the value of the bonds fell dramatically, sparking an angry reaction and threats of legal action from investors.

Tiphook, chaired by Robert Montague, was forced last week to confirm that some $8 million of interest on the bonds would be paid, and the payment was duly made yesterday.

Lehman ceased to make a market in the bonds last month, apparently because of a conflict of interest with its role as adviser to the various issues. The broker, thought to face a substantial loss on its investment in the bonds, refused to comment yesterday.

Shares race ahead at Stanley

By Martin Flanagan

SHARES in Stanley Leisure, the UK's fourth-biggest bookmaker, leapt 24p to 253p yesterday as it unveiled an upbeat trading statement and an acquisition.

The group said trading in its betting shops and 18 provincial casinos in the first six months of the trading year was well ahead. Analysts also reacted well to the £6 million purchase of Demmy Investments, a holding company whose main offshoot, Selwyn Demmy (Racing), runs 49 betting shops in Manchester and West Lancashire.

The northwest of England is Stanley's heartland, and the latest acquisition brings its total number of betting shops to 401.

Leonard Steinberg, chairman, said the acquisition was a significant step forward in developing the group's betting shop business in the northwest of England. One anaylst said: "They [Stanley] have a very good market position in Liverpool and a reasonable one in Manchester, so this acquisition infills things beautifully. It is also reasonably priced." It is believed that many analysts will upgrade their interim profit forecasts for Stanley Leisure, which are scheduled to be announced in January.



Steinberg: "step forward"

The company is financing the deal through the issue of 589,520 new shares at 229p, raising £1.35 million, £250,000 in cash, and the balance in loan notes. It is also expected that an additional £1.65 million will be paid to Selwyn Demmy as part of net liabilities.

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B&B to market German home loans

By Sara McConnell and Roger Boyes

THE Bradford & Bingley building society has lost no time showing its European credentials. On the day that Europe officially became one flesh, the seventh-largest society announced that it would be establishing a *Bausparkasse* (the German equivalent of a building society) in Hamburg in the new year.

It will be the first overseas institution to obtain approval for a licence from the Bundesaufsichtsamt für das Kreditwesen, the German supervisory body. The privilege was not won without a struggle. Negotiations have been going on since the beginning of the year and since June, documents have been passing back and forth every week. The next hurdle will be to convince the German public, firstly, that they want to buy their homes rather than rent them, and secondly that they want to go to Bradford & Bingley for a loan rather than anywhere more familiar.

The Germans have the lowest level of home ownership in Europe with only 40 per cent owning their homes, against 67 per cent in the UK. There is a shortage of homes in Germany at the moment and they tend to be expensive because of stringent planning and environmental regulations, said Bill Cooper, general manager of B&B's German operation.

But Bradford & Bingley was encouraged by a recent survey from Deutsche Bank, which showed 80 per cent of people want to own their homes. Falling interest rates have triggered a surge in demand, particularly for smaller flats. There are signs that the shortage may be alleviated, with a homeowning boom especially in east Germany, where council tenants have been able to buy their homes.

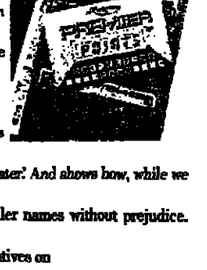
Mr Cooper said: "By establishing a Bausparkasse we can attract retail funds and ultimately market a range of financial services by using a very similar management and operational approach to that we use in the UK".

The German government is keen to encourage housebuying. It is common for potential buyers to save up to 40 per cent of the price of the property, with the government paying a bonus equal to 10 per cent of the saver's total annual contribution. By saving, typically for eight years, they are guaranteed a housing loan in future. The B&B will be offering such contracts to its customers.

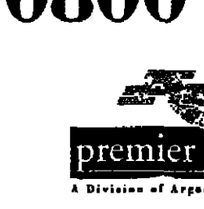
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American investors tap into Vodafone

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VODAFONE buzzed in a dull market as a wave of demand from American investors combined with significant activity in November call options and record monthly subscriber figures. Vodafone's gross monthly connection figures for its mobile telephone network reached 38,490 in October — the highest registered since the service was introduced in January 1985.

Vodafone shares, additionally buoyed by vague bid talk and a recent Smith New Court buy recommendation, advanced 25p to 578p, on volume of 3.5 million shares.

Elsewhere in an active telecoms sector, **British Telecom** reversed an early fall to finish 3½p up at 465½p as it unveiled a cut in the cost of telephone call charges nationally at weekends and gave notice of other price reductions in the pipeline. BT partly-paid rose 1½p to 214½p. **Cable and Wireless** also firmed, gaining 1½p to 502½p.

Meanwhile, equities had a dull start to the new account. Dealers took fright at hints from the Chancellor over the weekend that interest rate cuts could still be some way off, and there were renewed concerns that this month's Budget may bring adverse tax measures for the pension fund industry.

A dull futures market served to further depress the cash market, with prices dragged lower in thin conditions. An uncertain start on Wall Street did little to lift sentiment. The FT-SE 100 index finished below its worst, ending down 6.6 at 3,164.4. Volume reached only 465.5 million.

Food retailers were again in the spotlight as the recent bout of indigestion, prompted by fears of a price war, continued to overhang the sector. **Nurdin & Peacock**, the cash and carry retailer, lost 7p to 182p amid threats of competition from CostCo of the US, while **Argyll** fell 3½p to 292½p and **Tesco** 2p to 201p.

J Sainsbury, due to report *interim figures tomorrow*, firmed ½p to 396p, while **Asda** held steady at 54p as the latest quarterly food pricing survey by Verdict Research confirmed the group as the lowest-priced grocery superstore.

Support in thin conditions saw **Unilever** pushed 15p higher at £11.66p, while American buying helped **Reuters** add 28p to £16.62.

British Aerospace advanced 8p to 434p on market hopes for good news about the proposed regional jets joint venture in Taiwan. **Ferranti** rose ¼p to 1¾p, on volume of 34 million, amid talk that rebel shareholders may fight *the 1p a share bid from* **GEC**, off 1½p to 350½p. **Inchcape** eased 5p to 493p, despite a renewed long-term buy recommendation from Kleinwort Benson and a recent buy vote from Hoare Govett.

Stanley Leisure, the bookmaking and casinos group, added 20p to 249p as it accompanied news that it is expanding its betting shops chain with a positive trading statement.

Shares in **ASW Holdings** dived 41p to 147p after the company gave warning of a second-half profits shortfall. **British Steel** fell 3½p to 126p.

Cranswick, the animal feed and pork products group, tumbled 32p to 159p after it said that a fall in pig prices will mean that first half profits will be below previous expectations.

Yorkshire Television fell 8p to 174p as brokers trimmed their forecast.

Tiphook was back on the ropes, sliding 5p to 105p, after touching 96p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** After a weaker start, gilts traded in a narrow range. The long gilt future fell 12 ticks to £113 23/32, on a subdued volume of 32,000. In the cash market, shorts were particularly hard hit by adverse noises from the Chancellor on the likelihood of an interest rate cut, with a flattening of the yield curve.

☐ **NEW YORK** — The Dow Jones industrial average rose to 3,683.95 at midday, a gain of 3.36. Declining issues led advancing shares by about 10 to eight.

PHILIP PANGALOS



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Dupes of the myth of valuations

Unfortunate shareholders in Queen's Moat may well be feeling that about half the record loss they have just suffered is due to a simple change in valuation, and dream that a third firm of valuers could partly redeem their losses. Outside directors, defending shattered reputations, may be tempted to argue that they could not possibly be expected to second-guess the professionals in property valuation, and thus could not be expected to understand the need for savage balance sheet adjustments. And if the outside directors could not see the trouble, how could the sector share analysts be expected to do any better?

Very simply, I would suggest. All of them were willing believers in what is, at bottom, a myth: that there exists some independent value, property value, which is unrelated to current earnings and is fathomable only by an arcane profession. Land can be valued, though the figure is hardly an objective truth, since it depends on the planning regime and the state of the market. Factory space and office space in its bare state also has a value, though a vaguer one: it has a ceiling set by replacement cost subject, imponderably, to location.

A developed working establishment is another matter. Its worth is what it can earn, or could in theory earn under good management. This includes not only land and buildings, but equipment that wears out or goes out of fashion, labour relations and hard-won goodwill.

The property value alone should therefore clearly be much less than the share value, if shares are rationally valued. The professional valuation should be a curiosity, a footnote in small print; management should be rated on how much it can raise equity value over this supposed underlying asset value. Good management ought to be insulted by a figure suggesting it has added nothing to the site and the bricks and mortar. Or so you might think.

An inspection of balance sheets suggests that the market does not take this view. Properties are commonly listed at "values" two or three times higher than an independent property investor could be persuaded to pay, even if he could capture in rent the entire reported profit flow. In practice, an independent business must be able to earn much more than the commercial rental value of its premises.

The values are solemnly estimated by professionals who know that their clients want a high figure for potential use as collateral, and are happy to ignore the insulting management implications. They are entered in balance sheets without comment from directors or analysts as property values, but they are really no such thing. They are optimistic equity valuations. If you doubt this, read the balance sheets of some our our best known companies. You will often see valuations that show a return on property assets as low as 5 per cent, when a property investor would expect 10 per cent from the rent alone.

In ordinary times this silly fiction has little practical effect. Shareholders, who should be asking why the assets produce so little return, simply pocket their dividends, and if trading turns blue for a spell, comfort themselves with the strong reported assets. In periods of rampant speculation, however, valuation can become a very deep trap.

Bankers, especially, are naive enough to believe that figures so universally accepted must mean something, and lend accordingly, as they have done in London, and still more rashly in Tokyo, California, New England and worst of all in Scandinavia. Collateral justified all these follies.

After the fall, bankers still believe their only security is in collateral based on valuations, but they take a very different view of it. They deflate the already sharply reduced valuations offered to them, then seek to charge far higher spreads to compensate for the risks they have in fact abolished through over caution. This credit famine explains why the present recession has been defined by some alert New York economists as a "contained depression". My own depression is seeing the importance most people still attach to these subjective and often deceptive numbers.

Profit warning by ASW rocks shares

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

INVESTORS in ASW, the quoted steelmaker, were jolted when a profits warning wiped 22 per cent off the market value of the company.

The shares dived 41p to 147p as ASW, in which British Steel has a 20 per cent stake, revealed it had been hit by rising scrap prices, allied to weak selling prices for its main products, such as wire rods, in continental Europe. The statement also prompted a 3.5p fall in British Steel shares to 126p.

City analysts began downgrading profit expectations for 1993 as ASW said its steel activities in the second half were unlikely to make as much profit as in the first. At that stage the activities made £5.7 million. Ian Lowe, metals analyst at Smith New Court, the equities house, said "This is a very serious statement. The problem unveiled is potentially enduring."



Alan Cox, ASW chief executive, jolted investors with the news

The group, whose chief executive is Alan Cox, said it was too early to forecast 1994 but that, at present, it intended to maintain the final and total dividends for 1993 at 3p and 6p respectively.

The price of scrap, ASW's principal raw material, was £70 a tonne for the first five months of 1993. It rose to £85 a tonne in June and July, came back to £78 in September, but has now risen again to around £86 a tonne.

ASW said margins, meanwhile, had fallen significantly from those experienced in the second quarter, as demand remained flat in Europe. The company, formed in 1981 as a joint venture between GKN and British Steel, and floated in 1988, said in its statement: "Although information on European steel prices and the cost of scrap is in the public domain, this has not yet been reflected in published estimates of ASW's performance for 1993, which are therefore in excess of internal forecasts." Recession-hit mainland Europe takes about 40 per cent of the output of ASW.

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MARKET AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $ .... 1.4782 (-0.0100)
German mark .... 2.5073 (+0.0123)
Exchange index .... 80.9 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 .... 3164.4 (-6.6)
Dow Jones .... 3683.95 (+3.36)*
Nikkei Avg .... 19438.24 (-264.73)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank 5 13/16-5 11/16%
US Federal Funds 3 1/8%*
3-month Treas Bills 3.05-3.04%*
Long Bond 5.99%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.4804*	£:$	1.4800
$:DM	1.6930*	£:DM	2.5123
$:SWfr	1.5010*	£:SWfr	2.2203
$:Ffr	5.9288*	£:Ffr	8.7745
$:Yen	108.28*	£:Yen	160.54
£:SDR	1.0673	£:ECU	1.3095

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 367.95 .... PM 363.25
Close 361.70-362.20
New York:
Comex 362.75-363.25*

OIL

Brent Crude .... $16.10 per bbl (Dec)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI 141.9 Sept (1.8%) Jan 1987=100
*Denotes midday trading price

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Sharpe & Fisher	155p (+11p)
Rolfe & Nolan	270p (+10p)
Swire Pacific 'A'	476p (+28p)
Man Utd	570p (+10p)
Stanley Leisure	249p (+20p)
Thomson Corp	815p (+10p)
HK Land	192p (+11p)
Allied Text	514p (+11p)
THORN EMI	964p (+13p)
Vodafone	578p (+25p)
Broken Hill	805p (+17p)

FALLS:

ASW	147p (-14p)
Grand Met	408p (-9p)
Redland	528p (-10p)
Courtaulds	494p (-15p)
Wellcome	675p (-15p)
Zeneca	756p (-17p)
Cranswick	159p (-32p)
Savoy Hotel 'A'	790p (-10p)

Closing Prices Page 30

WALL STREET

	Nov 1 midday	Oct 29 close
AMP Inc	62	62
AMR Corp	70	70
Abbott Labs	28	28
Aetna Life	65	65
Ahmanson (HF)	18	18
Air Prod & Chem	43	41
Albertson's	25	26
Alcan Aluminm	20	20
Alco Standard	46	45
Allied Signal	72	71
Alum Co of Am	67	68
Amax	22	22
Amerada Hess	52	53
Amer Brands	33	34
Amer Cyanamid	54	54
Amer El Power	38	38
Amer Express	32	32
Amer Genl Corp	29	29
Amer Home Pr	62	62
Amer Intl	89	90
Amer Stores	40	40
Amer T & T	57	57
Ameritech	84	84
Amoco	55	55
Anheuser-Busch	47	47
Apple Computer	31	30
Archer Daniels	22	23
Arkla	8	8
Armco	5	5
Armstrng Wrld	46	46
Asarco	17	18
Ashland Oil	35	34
Atl Richfield	110	110
Auto Data Pro	53	55
Avery Dennison	28	28
Avon Products	50	50
Baker Hughes	22	22
Baltim Gas & El	26	26
Banc One	38	39
BankAmerica	42	41
Bank of NY	57	53
Bankers Tr NY	79	79
Barnett Banks	41	41
Bausch & Lomb	52	51
Baxter Intl	23	23
Becton Dicknsn	38	38
Bell Atlantic	63	63
BellSouth	62	62
Black & Decker	20	20
Block (H&R)	39	39
Boeing	37	37
Boise Cascade	21	20
Borden Inc	16	16
Bristol Myrs Sq	59	58
Browning Ferris	22	22
Burlington Nthn	55	56
CBS	307	308
CNA Financial	83	83
CPC Intl	48	48
CSX	82	81
Campbell Soup	41	41
Can Pacific	17	16
Cptl Cities ABC	614	609
Cptl Holdings	41	41
Carolina Pwr	31	31
Caterpillar	91	91
Central & SW	32	32
Champion Intl	29	29
Chase Manhat	33	33
Chemical Bk	40	40
Chevron Corp	96	97
Chrysler	57	56
Chubb Corp	81	82
Cigna Corp	67	67
Citicorp	36	36
Clorox	53	53
Coastal Corp	27	27
Coca Cola	43	43
Colgate-Palmolive	58	58
Columbia Gas	26	26
Commonw Ed	30	30
Compaq Comp	68	67
Comp Ass Intl	39	38
Conagra	26	27
Cons Edison	34	34
Cons Nat Gas	48	48
Cons Rail	62	62
Cooper Inds	52	52
Corning Inc	26	25
Crown Cork	38	38
Dana Corp	58	58
Dayton Hudson	69	69
Deere	77	77
Delta Air Lines	58	58
Deluxe Corp	36	35
Detroit Edison	33	33
Digital Equip	36	35
Dillard Dept St	36	36
Disney (Walt)	43	42
Dominion Res	47	48
Donelley (RR)	29	29
Dover Corp	57	57
Dow Chemical	55	55
Dow Jones	36	35
Dresser	21	21
Duke Power	43	43
Dun & Bradstreet	66	67
Du Pont	47	47
Eastman Kodak	61	63
Eaton Corp	53	53

	Nov 1 midday	Oct 29 close
Emerson Elec	57	57
Engelhard Corp	27	27
Enron Corp	34	33
Entergy Corp	38	39
Ethyl Corp	17	17
Exxon	65	65
FMC Corp	49	49
FPL Group	39	39
Federal Express	67	67
Fed Nat Mtge	77	77
First Chicago	45	44
First Interstate	58	58
First Union Rlty	11	11
Fleet Finl Grp	32	31
Fluor Corp	40	40
Ford Motor	62	61
GTE Corp	39	39
Gannett	52	51
Gap Inc Del	36	35
Gen Dynamics	95	95
Gen Electric	97	97
Gen Mills	63	64
Gen Motors	48	47
Gen Reinsurance	115	115
Gen Signal	35	35
Genuine Parts	37	37
Georgia Pac	66	64
Gillette	61	60
Glaxo ADR	19	20
Goodrich (BF)	43	44
Goodyear Tire	44	44
Grace (W&R)	38	37
Gt Atl Pac Tea	26	26
Great Wstn Fin	19	19
Halliburton	32	31
Harcourt General	43	44
Heinz (HJ)	37	37
Hercules	101	99
Hershey Foods	53	53
Hewlett Packard	74	73
Hilton Hotels	47	46
Home Depot	40	39
Homestake Mng	18	19
Honeywell	33	33
Household Intl	37	36
Houston Inds	48	48
Humana	14	14
ITT Corp	92	93
Illinois Tool	37	37
INCO	21	21
Ingersoll Rand	36	36
Inland Steel	34	33
Intel Corp	63	63
IBM	46	46
Intl Flav & Fr	108	108
Intl Paper	61	59
James River Va	19	20
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	42	42
K Mart	24	24
Kellogg	57	57
Kerr-McGee	50	50
Kimberly-Clark	51	51
Knight-Ridder	55	55
Lilly (Eli)	53	54
Limited Inc	21	21
LIN Brdcstng	113	113
Lincoln Nat	45	45
Litton	66	66
Liz Claiborne	19	19
Lockheed Corp	69	68
Louisiana Pac	37	36
MCI Commun	28	28
Marriott Int	26	26
Marsh & McLnn	80	81
Masco Corp	31	31
May Dept St	43	44
Maytag Corp	15	15
McCaw Cellular	53	53
McDonalds	57	57
McDonnell D	95	93
McGraw Hill	74	74
Mead Corp	41	41
Medtronic	74	74
Mellon Bk	53	53
Melville Corp	42	42
Merck Inc	32	32
Merrill Lynch	96	96
Minnesota Mine	104	103
Mobil Corp	81	81
Monsanto	69	69
Morgan (JP)	71	71
Motorola Inc	104	104
Natl Medical	10	11
Natl Semi	17	16
Natl Service Ind	24	24
Navistar Int	27	27
NBD Bancorp	31	31
NY Times A	23	23
Newmont Mng	50	52
Niag Mohawk	22	22
Nike B	50	48
NL Industries	4	4
Nordstrom	34	34
Norfolk Sthrn	67	66
Nthn State Pwr	44	44
Norwest Corp	25	25
Nynex Corp	42	42
Occidental Pet	18	18
Ohio Edison	24	24
Oracle Systems	59	59

	Nov 1 midday	Oct 29 close
Oryx Energy Co	24	23
Owens Corning	46	47
PNC Financial	28	29
PPG Industries	70	69
Paccar Inc	66	67
Pacificorp	19	19
Pac Enterprises	25	25
Pac Gas & Elect	36	36
Pac Telesis	54	54
Pall Corp	20	20
Panhandle East	23	23
Paramnt Comm	80	80
Parker Hannifin	34	34
Penney (JC)	51	52
Pennzoil	57	57
Pepsico	39	39
Pfizer	62	62
Phelps Dodge	42	42
Philadel Elec	31	31
Philip Morris	54	53
Phillips Pet	32	32
Pitney Bowes	39	39
Polaroid	36	36
Price Co	40	40
Primerica	43	44
Procter & Gmbl	53	54
Pub Serv E & G	33	33
Quaker Oats	71	71
Ralston Purina	37	37
Raychem Corp	38	38
Raytheon	61	60
Reebok Intl	31	30
Reynolds Metals	42	42
Roadway Srvcs	60	60
Rockwell Intl	35	35
Rohm & Haas	50	50
Royal Dutch	106	105
Rubbermaid	34	34
Safeco Corp	58	58
St Paul's Cos	93	93
Salomon Inc	45	45
Santa Fe Pac	18	18
Sara Lee Corp	26	26
Seecorp	21	21
Schering Plough	67	68
Schlumberger	62	63
Scott Paper	35	35
Seagram	28	28
Sears Roebuck	57	57
Shell Trans	63	63
Sherwin Wlms	37	36
Skyline Corp	17	17
Snap-On-Tools	39	39
Southern Co	44	44
Stwestern Bell	44	44
Sprint Corp	35	36
Stanley Works	42	43
Sun Company	31	31
Suntrust	44	43
Supervalu	33	33
Syntex Corp	18	18
Sysco Corp	28	28
TRW Inc	67	67
Tandem Comp	11	11
Tandy Corp	42	40
Telecom Corp	3	3
Teledyne	26	26
Temple Inland	43	42
Tenneco	50	51
Texaco	67	68
Texas Inst	66	65
Texas Utilities	44	45
Textron	55	55
Time Warner	45	44
Times-Mirror	33	33
Timken	32	32
Torchmark	46	46
Toys R Us	39	40
Transamerica	57	57
Travelers Corp	34	35
Tribune	55	55
Tyco Labs	46	46
UAL Corp	154	152
UST Inc	26	26
USX Marathon	17	18
Unilever NV	114	114
Union Camp	43	43
Union Carbide	19	19
Union Pacific	62	63
Unisys Corp	11	11
USAIR Group	14	14
USF&G Corp	13	13
US Life	42	42
US West	50	50
United Tech	61	62
Unocal Corp	29	29
Upjohn	31	32
VF Corp	40	39
WMX Tech	24	24
Wal-Mart Stores	26	26
Warner-Lambert	67	69
Wells Fargo	112	110
Westinghouse El	14	14
Weyerhaeuser	40	39
Whirlpool	64	63
Whitman	15	15
Winn Dixie	58	58
Woolworth	22	22
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	43	43
Xerox	80	79

RECENT ISSUES

BSM (170)	173	-1
BZW Endowment Fd (100)	54	-1
Cantab Pharmas (460)	453	-2
CentreGold (125)	161	-2
Fleming Chinese Inv (100)	95	+1½
Fleming Chinese Wts	56	+1
For & Col Emrg Mkt Wts	54	...
Gartmore Shared Eqy Tst	107	-1
Gartmore Shared 0 Pf	102¼	-½
HTR Japanese Smlr (100)	91	-1
HTR Japanese Wts	46	+1
Hamlet (130)	139	...
London Fin & Inv Wts	14	-½
Parkdean Leisure (120)	135	+1
Regent A	5¼	...
Rothmans Intl Units	422	+3
Scotia (290)	304	-1
Select Industries	9	...
Smaller Cos Inv (135)	141	...
VHE Holdings (115)	116	...
Vendome Luxury Uts	316	...
Virtuality Grp (170)	283	+1
Wiggins Group	3½	...
RIGHTS ISSUES		
Birkdale n/p (8)	1	...
Blick n/p (370)	55	-10
Costain n/p (30)	¾	...
Fenner n/p (80)	31	+2
Flagstone n/p (1)	½	...
Frost n/p (187)	35	...
JIB Group n/p (150)	23	...
MB-Caradon n/p (260)	77	...
Matthew Clark n/p (375)	139	+4
Mersey Docks n/p (330)	67	...
Safeland n/p (28)	7	-1
Takare n/p (195)	22	...
Wentworth n/p (2½)	¼	...
Wescol n/p (15)	3	...
Yule Catto n/p (215)	36	-2

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	4,900	Cadbury	283	MEPC	766	Scot & New	358
Abbey Natl	842	Carlton Cms	172	Marks Spr	3,800	Scot Power	4,500
Alld-Lyons	610	Coats Vyla	825	NFC	494	Sears	1,100
Anglian W	312	Cm Union	619	NatWst Bk	2,400	Svrn Trent	825
Argyll Gp	*1,700*	*Courtaulds*	*2,000*	*Nat Power*	*2,600*	*Shell Trans*	*4,700*
Arjo Wiggn	186	Enterpr Oil	67	Nth Wst W	565	Siebe	494
AB Foods	187	Forte	1,000	Nthrn Fds	1,500	SmKl Bch	2,200
BAA	163	GRE	1,200	P & O	2,100	Smith Nph	984
BAT Inds	3,500	GUS	968	Pearson	464	Std Chartd	743
BOC	944	Gen Acc	679	PowerGen	1,400	Sun Allnce	487
BP	7,500	Gen Elec	2,900	Prudential	879	TI Gp	425
BT	4,500	Glaxo	1,300	RMC	453	TSB	2,600
BTR	4,500	Granada	559	RTZ	860	Tesco	4,300
Bk of Scot	877	Grand Met	2,000	Rank Org	904	Thames W	731
Barclays	2,000	Guinness	2,100	Reckitt Col	514	Thrn EMI	1,100
Bass	1,500	HSBC	3,700	Redland	473	Tomkins	1,800
Blue Circle	2,300	Hanson	4,900	Reed Intl	977	Unilever	1,700
Boots	1,500	ICI	862	Rentokil	652	Utd Bisc	590
Bowater	472	Inchcape	833	Reuters	865	Vodafone	4,200
Brit Aero	1,100	Kingfisher	1,400	Rolls Royce	1,800	Wrbrg (SG)	1,100
Brit Airwys	1,800	Ladbroke	2,800	Rothmans	n/a	Wellcome	2,600
Brit Gas	4,800	*Land Secs*	*1,300*	Ryl Ins	188	Whitbd 'A'	402
Brit Steel	5,100	Legal & Gn	843	Ryl Bk Scot	395	Wlms Hld	3,600
Burmah Ctrl	353	Lloyds Bk	694	Sainsbury	3,400	Wolseley	75
Cable Wire	5,400	MB Cardn	1,700	Schroders	14	Zeneca	1,700

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3683.95 (+3.36)
S&P Composite .... 468.29 (+0.46)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 19438.24 (-264.73)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9629.19 (+300.10)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 136.4 (+0.5)

Sydney: AO .... 2132.4 (+20.2)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2062.12 (-6.88)

FT 30 share: .... 2391.9 (-5.9)

Brussels:
General .... Closed

Paris: CAC .... Closed

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 624.40 (-0.70)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1562.16 (-3.21)
FT 500 .... 1670.52 (-3.46)
FT Gold Mines .... 224.8 (-0.7)
FT Fixed Interest .... 124.25 (-0.10)
FT Govt Secs .... 102.38 (-0.29)
Bargains 28404
SEAQ Volume 465.5m
USM (Datastrm) .... 151.50 (+0.20)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
October 25	November 5	January 27	February 7

Call options were taken out on 1/11/93: Amber Day, Amberley, Betterware, Costain, Ferraris, Ferranti, LIT Holdings, LBMS, Psion, Morrison Supermarkets, Sleepy Kids, Tadpole, Tesco, Wilshaw.
Puts: Bullough, Psion, Tiphook.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Dec 93	3179.0	3179.0	3151.0	3171.0	9804
Previous open interest: 68813	Mar 94	3185.0	3185.0	3173.0	3187.5	2
Three Month Sterling	Dec 93	94.45	94.45	94.38	94.42	50167
Previous open interest: 374558	Mar 94	94.66	94.66	94.55	94.61	18961
	Jun 94	94.68	94.68	94.56	94.62	7910
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 93	96.46	96.47	96.46	96.45	453
Previous open interest: 11069	Mar 94	96.44	96.44	96.43	96.42	150
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 93	93.84	93.85	93.78	93.80	17119
Previous open interest: 696720	Mar 94	94.51	94.51	94.44	94.46	14864
Long Gilt	Dec 93	113-23	113-26	113-16	113-23	34238
Previous open interest: 115343	Mar 94	112-29	112-30	112-29	113-00	83
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 93	114.82	114.82	114.68	114.73	1524
	Mar 94				113.96	0
German Gov Bd Bobl	Dec 93	102.47	102.47	102.40	102.42	376
Previous open interest: 22091	Mar 94					0
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 93	100.12	100.14	99.84	99.88	41928
Previous open interest: 181970	Mar 94	100.18	100.18	99.99	100.00	251
Three month ECU	Dec 93	93.00	93.00	92.94	92.95	383
Previous open interest: 32352	Mar 94	93.79	93.81	93.73	93.73	156
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 93	95.65	95.66	95.61	95.63	1751
Previous open interest: 48716	Mar 94	96.05	96.06	96.03	96.04	643
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 93	115.90	115.90	115.28	115.47	21124
Previous open interest: 87975	Mar 94	115.47	115.47	115.10	115.27	1063

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 80.9 (day's range 80.9-81.1).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Nov 1	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8068-2.8189	2.8154-2.8189	par-¼ds	[illegible]
Brussels	54.16-54.52	54.41-54.52	12-16ds	41-49ds
Copenhagen	10.0530-10.0980	10.0640-10.0860	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dublin	1.0590-1.0620	1.0595-1.0618	4-8ds	19-26ds
Frankfurt	2.5012-2.5139	2.5107-2.5139	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	257.80-258.94	258.32-258.94	89-165ds	296-411ds
Madrid	200.07-201.04	200.44-200.66	54-66ds	179-199ds
Milan	2439.70-2446.00	2442.00-2446.00	5-7ds	19-22ds
Montreal	1.9477-1.9581	1.9477-1.9506	0.30-0.21pr	0.53-0.38pr
New York	1.4795-1.4854	1.4795-1.4805	0.34-0.33pr	0.84-0.82pr
Oslo	10.9980-10.9390	10.9110-10.9340	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	8.7510-8.7920	8.7640-8.7850	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	12.0930-12.1440	12.1020-12.1400	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	160.40-161.56	160.40-160.67	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	17.54-17.64	17.54-17.58	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	2.2121-2.2218	2.2188-2.2218	[illegible]	[illegible]

Source: Extel — Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4781-1.4807
Australia dollar	2.1936-2.1967
Bahrain dinar	0.554-0.566
Brazil cruzeiro*	257.42-258.79
Cyprus pound	0.7475-0.7575
Finland marka	8.5995-8.6755
Greece drachma	355.0-362.0
Hong Kong dollar	11.4345-11.4437
India rupee	46.16-47.12
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4395-0.4495
Malaysia ringgit	3.7903-3.7943
Mexico peso	4.59-4.69
New Zealand dollar	2.6649-2.6696
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5095-5.6355
Singapore dollar	2.3547-2.3578
S Africa rand (fin)	6.2318-6.2805
S Africa rand (com)	4.9844-4.9908
U A E dirham	5.3955-5.5195

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4821-1.4832
Austria	11.79-11.80
Belgium (Com)	36.61-36.62
Canada	1.3172-1.3182
Denmark	6.7975-6.8025
France	5.9220-5.9240
Germany	1.6915-1.6930
Hong Kong	7.7260-7.7270
Ireland	1.3950-1.3970
Italy	1649.8-1651.3
Japan	108.43-108.53
Malaysia	2.5610-2.5620
Netherlands	1.8993-1.8998
Norway	7.3748-7.3768
Portugal	174.30-174.50
Singapore	1.5910-1.5920
Spain	135.30-135.35
Sweden	8.1827-8.1927
Switzerland	1.4960-1.4967

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 10 Low 6 Week fixed: [illegible]
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]. Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth: [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:					
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Overnight: open 6, close 7.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	3.09-3.06	n/a	3.33-3.30	3.35-3.32	3.54-3.51
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Oct 29, 1993 Agreed rates Nov 24, 1993 to Dec 25, 1993 Schemes III: 7.06%. Reference rate Oct 1, 1993 to Oct 29, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 5.820%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7-6
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5-4
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $367.70-368.10 Close: $361.70-362.20 High: $368.75-369.15 Low: $360.90-361.40 Krugerrand: $361.00-363.00 (£243.25-245.25)
Sovereigns: Old $82.00-85.00 (£55.75-57.75) New $82.00-85.00 (£55.75-57.75)
Platinum: $369.35 (£249.40) Silver: $4.24 (£2.855) Palladium: $127.75 (£86.25)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Lyon	550	49	59	64	11	16	27
(*587)	600	19	31	37	34	40	52
Argyll	280	22	31	37	12	16	23
(*292)	300	13	22	27	23	26	34
ASDA	50	7	8	11	3	4	5
(*53)	60	3	4	6	8	10	11
Boots	500	30	45	53	14	21	29
(*517)	550	10	21	29	44	49	56
Br Airways	360	30	40	46	12	17	26
(*376)	390	15	24	32	30	33	41
BP	330	30	36	42	6	11	14
(*352)	360	13	20	25	19	24	27
Br Steel	120	13	17	21	6	9	12
(*126)	130	8	13	16	11	14	17
C & W	500	28	40	52	24	30	36
(*502)	525	16	28	39	38	44	50
CU	600	58	66	75	7	17	19
(*642)	650	25	34	45	26	38	41
ICI	681	56	—	—	13	—	—
(*713)	750	19	29	39	47	66	72
Kingfishr	600	63	76	84	7	15	24
(*646)	650	30	45	54	26	35	45
Land Sec	700	45	58	65	12	18	29
(*731)	750	18	30	38	38	44	54
M & S	390	25	33	39	10	15	20
(*403)	420	11	19	24	26	30	36
Nat West	550	39	36	46	19	31	36
(*553)	600	9	16	25	53	64	67
Sainsbury	390	26	36	41	17	23	29
(*396)	420	14	24	28	35	41	46
Shell	700	35	43	54	15	29	37
(*711)	750	13	20	31	45	58	61
Smkl Bch	390	39	48	56	13	19	26
(*413)	420	22	33	42	27	34	40
Storehse	180	21	25	28	4	7	10
(*195)	200	9	13	17	14	17	19
Trafalgar	90	10	14	17	5	6	8
(*97)	100	5	10	12	10	12	14
Unilever	1150	50	67	84	31	47	55
(*1165)	1200	26	43	60	59	74	83
Zeneca	750	42	54	65	26	46	53
(*756)	800	19	31	44	56	76	83
Series		**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
Grnd Met	390	32	38	46	14	18	24
(*408)	420	16	24	30	31	34	39
Ladbroke	160	22	24	25	6	12	14
(*171)	180	11	14	16	17	24	26
Utd Bisc	*360*	*27*	*33*	*37*	*16*	*27*	*30*
(*366)	390	14	20	25	33	45	48

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Nov	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAA	850	30	43	62	8	23	31
(*870)	900	6	19	37	37	51	57
Thames W	500	50	52	61	1	5	9
(*548)	550	9	19	30	17	24	28
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
BAT Ind	475	27	42	—	4	14	—
(*495)	500	9	26	30	15	25	36
BTR	360	13	24	27	5	11	17
(*366)	390	2	9	13	26	29	35
Br Aero	420	24	47	55	12	31	37
(*431)	460	8	29	37	36	54	60
Br Telcm	460	12	21	29	7	19	22
(*463)	500	1	6	13	39	46	48
Cadbury	453	27	41	44	3	9	19
(*476)	493	4	18	22	21	29	40
Guinness	420	19	35	43	6	15	25
(*432)	460	3	16	23	32	38	48
GEC	330	23	28	30	2	7	9
(*350)	360	4	12	19	14	21	24
Hanson	260	14	19	22	2	7	11
(*272)	280	3	9	12	11	18	21
LASMO	140	8	16	21	5	10	14
(*143)	160	2	8	12	19	22	26
Lucas	160	13	21	24	3	7	11
(*170)	180	3	10	13	13	18	22
Pilkingtn	140	11	15	19	3	8	11
(*146)	160	2	7	11	15	22	23
Prudential	360	13	25	29	5	12	19
(*367)	390	2	11	15	25	29	37
Redland	500	35	54	60	5	15	27
(*529)	550	6	26	33	27	39	54
Royal Ins	288	30	38	—	1	5	—
(*315)	317	8	19	—	9	16	—
Tesco	200	7	16	20	6	12	17
(*201)	220	2	7	11	20	24	29
Vodafone	550	35	57	68	8	26	34
(*576)	600	12	33	47	35	53	60
Williams	330	11	23	28	6	14	22
(*333)	360	2	9	14	29	33	40

FT-SE INDEX (*3161)

	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200	3250
Calls						
Nov	163	114	74	37	15	5
Dec	185	142	104	70	44	26
Jan	204	165	127	96	69	47
Feb	218	180	144	114	88	66
Jun	255	—	190	—	137	—
Puts						
Nov	4	7	13	31	60	105
Dec	16	23	35	52	77	110
Jan	30	41	53	72	96	126
Feb	36	47	63	82	107	136
Jun	68	—	101	—	147	—

Series		Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Abby Nat	390	33	41	45	4	12	15
(*415)	420	13	23	28	15	26	29
Amstrad	45	6	8	9	2	4	5
(*48)	50	3	5	7	5	6	8
Barclays	550	32	45	53	11	22	26
(*567)	600	8	20	29	38	49	53
Blue Circ	300	17	29	32	10	17	25
(*309)	330	5	15	19	30	35	43
Br Gas	330	18	27	32	5	9	16
(*340)	360	5	12	16	22	26	32
Dixons	260	18	27	34	10	18	22
(*266)	280	9	18	24	21	28	33
Forte	200	24	30	32	3	7	12
(*218)	220	9	18	21	10	16	22
Hillsdwn	160	9	17	19	5	9	14
(*163)	180	2	8	10	19	22	28
Lonrho	120	14	19	22	4	9	11
(*129)	130	8	13	17	9	14	16
Sears	110	9	13	14	3	5	7
(*114)	120	3	7	9	8	10	13
Thrn Eml	950	39	59	78	25	44	51
(*957)	1000	16	35	55	55	72	79
Tomkins	240	13	21	26	7	14	16
(*244)	260	4	12	17	20	25	28
TSB	220	15	20	23	9	12	14
(*227)	240	5	10	14	17	23	25
Wellcome	650	42	64	78	26	42	51
(*675)	700	21	42	55	56	69	78
Series		**Dec**	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Dec**	**Apr**	**Jul**
Glaxo	650	49	74	92	20	43	53
(*674)	700	24	49	67	46	69	79
HSBC	750	40	66	79	21	40	55
(*763)	800	17	42	56	49	74	82
Reuter	1650	67	114	148	50	87	104
(*1660)	1700	45	88	121	76	112	128
Series		**Dec**	**Feb**	**May**	**Dec**	**Feb**	**May**
R-Royce	137	20	23	—	2	5	—
(*152)	156	7	12	—	9	14	—
Series		**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**
Fisons	140	21	26	28	3	7	13
(*158)	160	8	15	17	12	17	24
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
Eastrn Elc	600	21	36	47	7	21	26
(*612)	650	3	14	23	40	51	54
Series		**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**
Natl Pwr	390	30	40	46	4	10	16
(*416)	420	12	22	29	12	22	29
Scot Pwr	390	35	41	48	2	8	10
(*419)	420	14	22	30	11	20	23

November 1, 1993 Tot: 25650 Calls: 10823 Puts: 14827 FT-SE Calls: 2571 Puts: 7354
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Silver came under pressure following the announcement that Xerox had developed a silver-free photographic design use. Roughly 40% of silver supply is used in the photographic industry, and the graphic design sector accounts for 20% of that segment. The potential impact on the silver market is therefore huge.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	931-929	Mar	950-949
Mar	964-963	May	953-951
May	969-968	Jul	954 SLR
Jul	970-968	Sep	952-950
Sep	970-968		
Dec	950-949		Volume: 2858

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	1194-1192	Jul	1195-1190
Jan	1213-1212	Sep	1195-1190
Mar	1202-1200	Nov	1195-1190
May	1194-1192		Volume: 1854

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

		Oct	11.00-11.09
Spot: 268.7		Jan	unq
Mar	10.75-10.81	Mar	unq
May	10.94-10.99	May	unq
Jul	11.19-11.26		Volume: 63

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	287.9-86.0
Spot: 296.0		Oct	277.0-75.0
Dec	284.5-84.2	Dec	278.0-75.3
Mar	281.5-81.0	Mar	281.9-79.2
May	283.4-82.5		Volume: 438

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 1

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	70.24	79.81	122.13
(+/-)	+3.23	-1.46	+0.81
Eng/Wales:	70.30	79.99	121.92
(+/-)	+3.30	-0.35	+0.79
(%)	-28.8	-28.1	-28.8
Scotland:	63.78	77.48	127.66
(+/-)	-3.37	-7.79	+4.49
(%)	-78.0	-75.9	-72.9

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	...	Mar	unq	...
Sep	unq	...			Volume: 0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Nov	97.75
Jan	99.95
Mar	101.85
May	103.75
Jun	105.15
	Volume: 21

BARLEY (close £/t)

Nov	101.00
Jan	103.05
Mar	105.40
May	107.40
Sep	94.25
	Volume: 38

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	...
Dec	...
Feb	...
Apr	...
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	80.0
Apr	85.0	84.0
May	101.0	98.8
		Volume: 66

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Dec 61.50-62.00

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Reports of pipeline problems in the North Sea and Alaska helped prices to recover from Friday's tumble.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	15.80	+0.30
Brent 15 day (Nov)	15.85	+0.30
Brent 15 day (Dec)	16.10	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	17.30	+0.40
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	17.50	+0.35

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	180 (-2)	182 (-2)
Gasoil EEC	163 (+2)	164 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Nov	167 (+2)	168 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Dec	167 (+2)	168 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	60 (n/c)	62 (n/c)
Naphtha	150 (-1)	152 (-1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Nov	163.75-64.00	Feb	162.25-62.75
Dec	163.75-64.00	Mar	161.50-61.75
Jan	163.25-63.50	Apr	160.25-60.50
			Vol: 15912

BRENT (6.00pm)

Dec	16.11-16.13	Mar	16.57-16.60
Jan	16.33-16.34	Apr	16.69 SLR
Feb	16.46-16.48		Vol: 28500

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Nov	165.50 BID	Feb	n/a
Dec	165.00 BID	Mar	n/a
Jan	n/a		Vol: 0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Nov 93	1350	1345	1349
Dec 93	unq	...	1352
Jan 94	1355	1350	1355
Apr 94	1370	1365	1365

Vol: 87 lots. Open intrst: 3005 Index 1316 -1

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1597.0-1598.0	1621.5-1622.5	984425
Lead ($/tonne)	394.00-395.00	408.00-408.50	80875
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	935.00-936.00	953.00-953.50	430100
Tin ($/tonne)	4650.0-4653.0	4695.0-4700.0	9595
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1018.0-1019.0	1040.0-1040.5	963275
Nickel ($/tonne)	4520.0-4525.0	4570.0-4580.0	69996

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The British are coming to shake up Wall Street

In the wake of last week's records on Wall Street, Philip Robinson traces the rapid rise of UK brokers in America, keen to get a slice of the action

British merchant banks and brokers are making an unprecedented assault on the US financial markets where sustained success has eluded some of them for years. The British have realised just how much money the Americans have to cast around the world and they would quite like to help them spend it.

The latest attempt at a New York beach head has been powered by the trend towards global investment business, soaring share and debt markets, a brisk trade in rights issues, the return of bids and deals and an acceleration in pace at which US fund managers want to increase investments outside America. It has been enough to convince at least six of Britain's big finance firms to raise their New York profile.

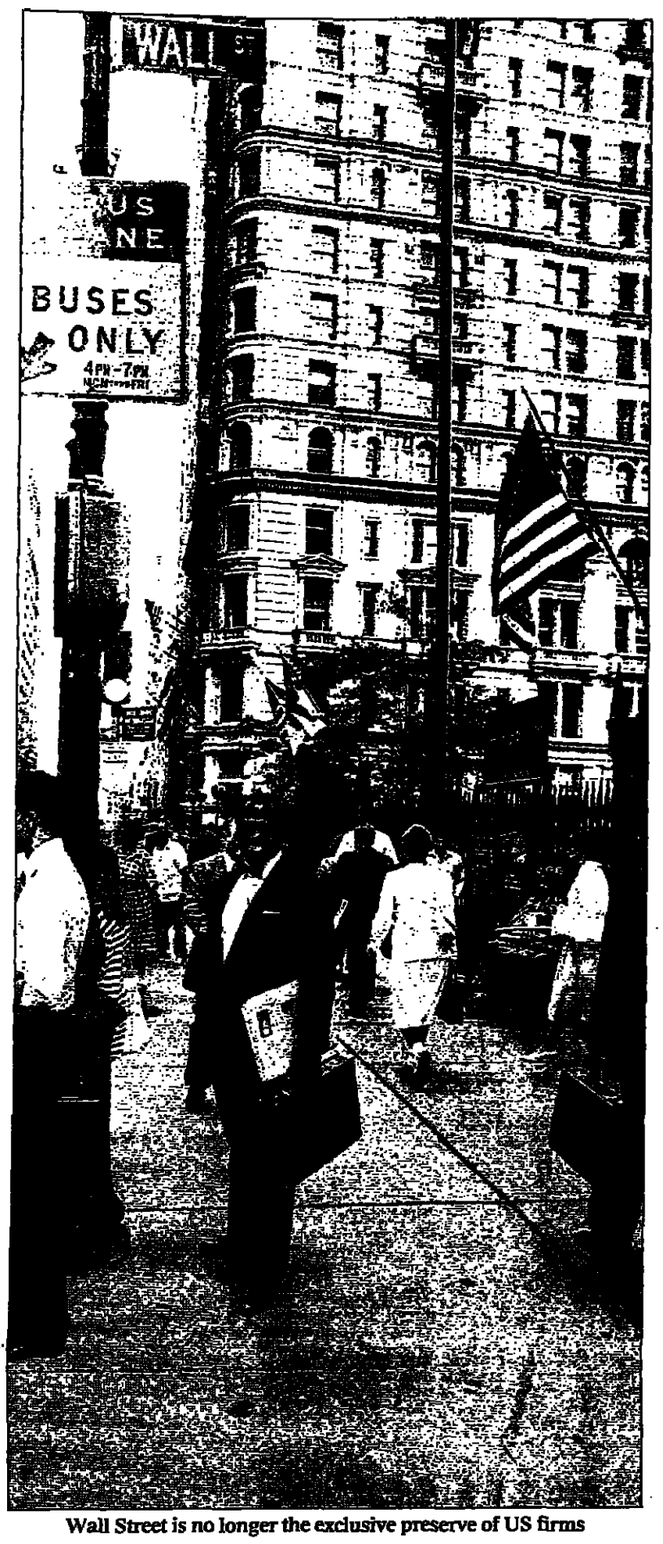
In size, they are dwarfed by the leading US houses both in terms of personnel and capital, but this time, they are serious about combat with Americans in their own back yard.

Strategies and philosophies differ widely: SG Warburg wants to take on the big US houses head-to-head; Barclays does not, but will push its investment banking expertise in the deals for fee income; Barings, for years refusing to talk to anyone outside its banking corridors, is now pushing its research aggressively to channel a greater share of US investments into emerging markets; NatWest Securities has made great strides as a niche player in just under a year; and Smith New Court, with an extensive market-making operation, is looking to build its underwriting business. Warburg, Britain's leading merchant bank is confident it can take on the Wall Street powerhouses sometimes twice its size. It made a quantum leap this year with success in North America selling the latest tranche of British Telecom (BT3) which gave it entrée to some of America's biggest investors.

The bank placed 110 million shares and had orders for eight times that figure. The list of institutions that took BT3 shares against those that bought BT2 grew from 75 to almost 300. It now wants to gain some of the blue chip names on the Fortune 250 list.

Barclays Bank, whose US lending arm suffered badly from the collapse of the American property market, has made a high-level commitment to its investment bank and has just restructured the 350-strong North American operations under the name BZW Division USA, backed with $8.3 billion. It was first in line with a commitment letter for $1 billion when Chemical Bank rang round to raise money for the QVC Network bid for Paramount.

The tactics of these two world players are quite different. Thomas Wyman, 64, American chairman of Warburg's US operations for the past a year, has staffed its office with a majority of his countrymen. He says the Americanisation of Warburg operations is vital if it is to be taken seriously in the US. Mr Wyman said: "It's important to move in the right circles if we want this business. The most important thing is access to major American corporations and it may be that the young man from Harrow and Cambridge will be awfully good at making the calls at General Electric but better for the US is the person who has 400 classmates at Harvard business school now spread all over corporate America or who has worked for Morgan Stanley for six years. It is the practical matter of how to move easily through the US business community and present your case. And we've got a good one." But Richard Webb, the British chief executive at Barclays North America said: "I don't think it matters what accent you have. If the ideas are good, I think the Americans will listen."



Wall Street is no longer the exclusive preserve of US firms

Six weeks ago Barclays appointed John Sunderland and Malcolm Le May as co-heads of investment banking for Barclays in the US. Mr Le May said: "We want to be a European-based global investment bank and frankly you can't be that unless you are in the biggest capital market in the world. We have a number of very good relationships here and the task is going to be to harness those relationships and plug them into the network locally and globally and offer them the products BZW has around the world."

Luring them all across the sea, are the kinds of numbers which cannot be matched in Britain alone: An investment community commanding close to $10,000 billion under management of which about $330 billion is invested internationally, a figure expected to grow to $1,320 billion by the end of the decade. During the first half of this year, US investors bought a net $21.7 billion worth of foreign shares, double the amount in the same period last year and 67 per cent of the 1992 total. A quarter of the total went into British shares such as Glaxo and Shell. But $2.3 billion went into shares in the emerging markets of Latin America. That is an area of expertise being driven home to US fund managers by Baring Securities, pushing its Latin American research which outranks all others.

Guiding the bank's slightly more brash style is British chairman James Remington-Hobbs, 41. He said: "We have invested substantial man hours in developing what we think is the most successful network of research offices throughout Latin America and it's very important that this message gets out clearly to the growing number of institutions looking at those markets." Michael Howell, who tracks cross border money flows for Barings, estimates that in the three years to 1991 about $1 in every $4 invested outside the US went into Latin America or the Asia-Pacific markets. He estimates that when final numbers are in for last year, the proportion will be $1 in $3. Americans have added $109 billion worth of foreign shares to their portfolios in the past five years, bringing the total estimated overseas equity holdings to $210 billion, equal to 10 Hansons or five and a quarter British Telecoms.

The US market for new issues and rights issues market has climbed 29 per cent in the first nine months of this year to almost $60 billion and the corporate bond market has been raising almost $39 billion a month up to the end of September. Many non-US companies also want to be quoted and raise money on the US stock market via American depositary receipts (ADRs). In the first half of this year, dollar volume of ADR trading rose 28 per cent to $84 billion and the number of shares traded on all US exchanges jumped 23 per cent 2.8 billion. The market share of British firms trading in the 400 or so listed ADRs has steadily increased.

Warburg leapt from thirteenth last year to fourth so far this year with 6.35 per cent of the market. Smith New Court, Carl Marks Inc, now ranks third with almost 7 per cent, and the two now outrank US houses Bear Stearns, Goldman Sachs, First Boston and Morgan Stanley, although they still have to catch Merrill Lynch, the leader at 13.65 per cent.

NatWest Securities, which has come up from 14th to ninth is taking a highly focused approach to Wall Street expansion under American-born president and chief executive James O'Donnell, who is 32. The firm's business was boosted as one of the four involved in the US end of the BT deal and revenues this year to could double to almost $100 million. Mr O'Donnell said: "I think it is impossible for a British firm to go head to head with the Americans unless you went out and bought one. We have no interest in taking on Merrill Lynch head on, but by acquiring high quality talent we have an opportunity to thrive in this market."

Two early successes are evident in the Utilities and Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) markets where hiring key analysts has resulted in market share climbing from nil to 10 per cent in Utilities and 12 per cent in REITs. "We are working against Merrill Lynch with 11,000 brokers and we've got 30. Wall Street volume is up 30 per cent this year and our total of the market has climbed from 1.5 per cent to 2 per cent," Mr O'Donnell said. Smith New Court also takes a focused approach, with primary business aimed at non-US equities where it claims to be the largest market-maker in America.

Mr Wyman added: "If Warburg is perceived primarily as a UK merchant bank, we will not make it here. If we are seen as an attractive, mobile, flexible, bright, self-sufficient operation, which can call on a worldwide organisation with a British pedigree, then we will."

TEMPUS

If you can't sell it, float it

CASH-STRAPPED companies are beating an increasingly worn path to the stock market. Only two weeks after Forte decided to float its airport services arm, which had been on sale for the best part of a year, Tarmac is doing the same to its industrial products division, which has also been touted around since the spring. Whether this is demerger, hive-down or flogging off a dead horse, the implication is clear: the stock market is the only place where one can find enough mug punters willing to buy unwanted businesses at high enough prices to restore owners' balance sheets.

When Tarmac announced its rights issue in September, the implication was that it had a buyer for Ruberoid in the wings. If such a deal was ever imminent it has fallen through, leaving Tarmac nowhere to turn but the stock market. The cost and complexities of a flotation always makes the stock market a buyer of last resort, but companies seem to be exploiting the option with increasing frequency. Either buyers have become too cautious and are undervaluing potential acquisitions, or the stock market is wildly overvaluing corporate prospects. Time, and the pace of the recovery, will judge which is correct.

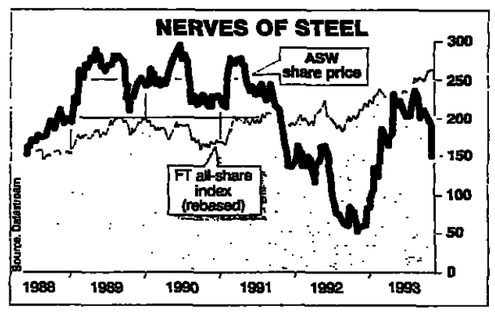
Potential Ruberoid shareholders can take some comfort from the knowledge that they should do better than Tarmac, which bought the original group for £140 million in 1988 and now hopes to sell for half that. The two figures are not comparable since Ruberoid has undergone a series of additions and disposals, but the float will still hit Tarmac with goodwill write-offs. Tarmac shareholders are accustomed to large provisions but this thankfully should be the end of them.

ASW Holdings

A profit warning may not be the best way for a company to get in a dig at City analysts but ASW's trading statement makes it clear that anyone who was awake in the past six months might have profitably sold its shares. The steel products company depends on scrap for its raw material, and scrap prices have been rising rapidly since the start of the year, while product prices have been slipping. The result is a squeeze on margins, and profits from steelmaking in the second half are likely to be lower than the first.

The 41p fall in the shares suggests more concern about the future than is warranted, particularly since the final dividend will be held at 3p. ASW's first-half profit of £1.5 million came after a £2.5 million loss in construction products. Forecasts for the full year range from breakeven to a £2 million profit.

The rise in scrap prices flies in the face of the traditional wisdom that scrap follows the steel price. The blame for the European shortage is being placed on a shortfall in American scrap exports. The squeeze on ASW has taken between £13 to £19 out of the margin on product priced at £182 per tonne. ASW hopes its product prices will recover in a drive led by the European market leaders, but with French and British construction industries still in recession there can be little hope for a rapid turnaround. The recovery in ASW's shares earlier this year looks like a false dawn.



Stanley Leisure

THE acquisition of Demmy Investments did wonders for Stanley Leisure's share price, pushing it up almost 9 per cent on an otherwise quiet day. The price of this modest betting-shop chain, however, has disquieting overtones for the rest of the industry, which is increasingly overshadowed by the national lottery.

Stanley paid £6 million for the chain, or 24 per cent of its annual turnover. On this basis, the William Hill chain, which Brent Walker is planning to sell or float, is valued at only £337 million. This is not far from the reported offer of £360 million by a consortium organised by SG Warburg, but a long way from the suggested £500 million price tag for a flotation.

The £122,000 Stanley is paying for each Demmy branch makes that flotation estimate look even more expensive. William Hill runs 1,650 branches, which implies a value of £202 million. Demmy's branches are small, but the price suggests the market for betting shops is flat, and unlikely to improve until it becomes clear how much revenue the National Lottery will divert from horse and greyhound racing. Brent Walker would profit by delaying the sale of William Hill for 18 months, unless it feels, like Forte and Tarmac, it can sell the business to the public for a price no trade buyer would countenance.

The Demmy transaction also puts a low value on Coral, the 760-shop chain Bass was said to be wanting to sell. Perhaps the state of the market explains why nothing more has been heard about that and why Bass is investing in Czech breweries instead.

Singapore Telecom

A privatisation issue that powers to a premium of more than 100 per cent in the first day to trade on a forecast p/e ratio of more than 50 sounds like a bubble waiting to burst. Even more when the company so dwarfs the rest of the stock market that the authorities are forced to extend trading hours to encompass the additional dealings.

The first day of trading in Singapore Telecom lived up to all its advance billings. The shares closed at S$4.14 (175p) a 15 per cent premium to the institutional strike price of S$3.60 and an impressive 118 per cent above the S$1.90 price that half the shares were sold at to Singaporean citizens through the state pension scheme. The shares are trading at a 100 per cent premium to the rest of the market, even though it accounts for a third of the capitalisation of the entire stock market.

The Singapore government has made it difficult for the speculative bubble to burst, mainly by barring individuals any access to stagging profits for a year. But when brokers say a market has thrown away fundamentals, it is time to worry. Last week's rapid rise and fall in the shares of East Japan Railway, another top-heavy privatisation issue, has destabilised the entire Tokyo stock market. A similar plunge in SingTel's price after this early euphoria would dent all the Far Eastern markets badly and the effects could echo around this side of the world.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Joll-y good show at KB

KLEINWORT Benson's so-far fruitless hunt for a chief executive to replace Jonathan Agnew, who resigned in August, has taken an unexpected turn. Headhunters, briefed to find a good man-manager to help build up the client base, have seen at least three senior City figures give the £300,000-a-year job the thumbs down. Lo and behold, KB Securities yesterday announced that Christopher Joll, a well-known City PR man, has been appointed director with specific responsibility for building up investor relations on the corporate finance side. Joll, 45, is playing down the coincidence. "KBS has decided to take investor relations up a notch," he says. "We're looking to add to our depth of analysis." Joll was hitherto chief executive of Georgeson & Co, the former Charles Barker, where he is remembered both for his fashion sense and an ability to think on his feet. Once, due to fly to Paris to address a conference, and grounded by an air traffic control strike, he summoned Anthony Payne, a colleague and budding private pilot, and instructed him to fly him to France. The intrepid pair crossed the Channel in a chartered Piper Warrior and Joll made his speech.

Smoke screen

CHAOS broke out at Cannon Bridge yesterday morning, when more than 1,500 gaily clad futures and options dealers were forced to evacuate the LIFFE floor after smoke began billowing in through air-conditioning ducts. It turned out to be a false alarm, but the source of the smoke provided some amusement on a quiet trading day. Nick Durlacher, LIFFE chairman, says it came from a smouldering rubbish barge passing downriver. Traders think it was someone enjoying an energetic workout in the nearby Cannons fitness club. "Trying to get back in again was a fiasco," says one disgruntled dealer. "Most people had left their ID cards back in their lockers in the rush to get out." A post mortem will be held today.



Spearhead

KAREN Morgan Thomas, who quit as chief executive of Thamesway Investment Services in August, has resurfaced as head of rival soft commission broker Javelin, owned by James Capel. In other signings, John Embiricos — member of a Greek shipping and racehorse-owning clan — has joined Capel as an analyst covering Greece and Turkey. Martin Mabbutt joins as UK telecommunications analyst, replacing Stephen Owen, now at Scottish Power.

Into the Garden

JOHN Banks, the former Young and Rubican adman whose research for Margaret Thatcher instigated "Wobbly Thursday" in 1987, has seized the last bit of space in the former Moss Bros building in Covent Garden. His agency, Banks Hoggins O'Shea, has won a string of concessions to take the space, including a knock-down rent of just £16.50 per sq ft. "It was one of the advantages of starting in a recession," says Banks, who began his career in the 1960s with Sir Tim Bell. A telephone call to Lady Thatcher's office, warning that Y&R's "psychographic" methods of research had picked up alarming signals for the Tories, triggered a radical policy rethink with just a week to run until the June 1987 general election.

Going long

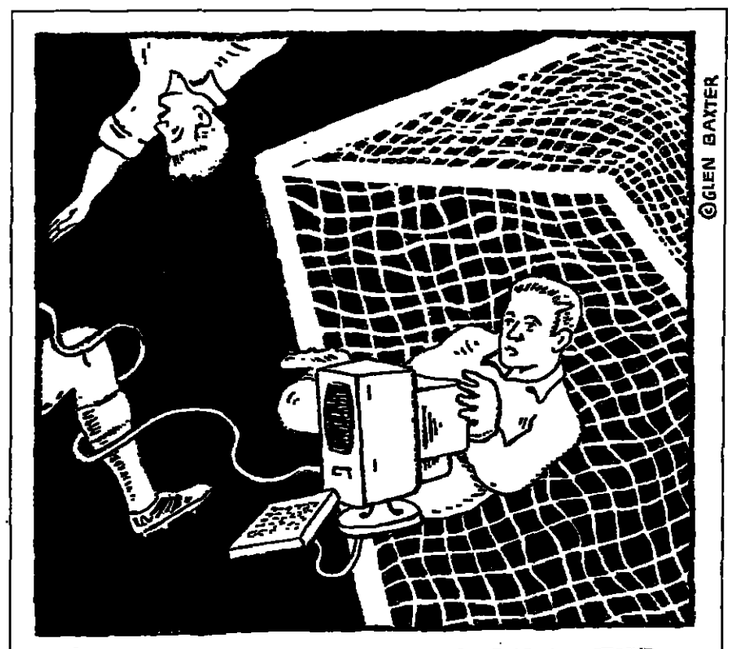
SOME acquisitions are two-furlong sprints, others resemble the Grand National. Leonard Steinberg, chairman of Stanley Leisure, Britain's fourth biggest bookie, pleased the City yesterday by buying Demmy Racing, a northwest of England rival. Asked how long talks had lasted, he says: "Oh, about four years. These things sometimes don't happen very quickly."

WE don't need no education: Compass Group may do a fair job running hamburger bars for schoolchildren, but one hopes the group's influence does not spread further across the curriculum. Yesterday's announcement referred to talks on operating Burger Kings in various areas "including railway stations, workplaces, healthcare and eduction(sic)..."

Vale date

BUDDING skiers: it's that time of the year again. The Stock Exchange Ski Club is seeking new talent for the Inter-bourse clash in January, when teams from 24 stock exchanges around the world will battle it out in Vale, Colorado. The Cincinnati Stock Exchange is hosting the 1994 session under the watchful eye of Bernard Madoff, of Madoff Securities, who has arranged various treats for contestants before the giant slalom finale, including an ominous sounding "bump-off" at Lower Whistle Pig. Mark Abbott of Goldman Sachs is UK team captain, backed up by Richard Madley of SG Warburg and Henry Anstey of Barings (Japan). Details from Tony Lewis on 071-253 2707.

JON ASHWORTH



SOMETHING TOLD ALEXIS THAT THE MIXTURE OF COMPUTERS AND FOOTBALL WAS GOING TO BE A HEADY BREW

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Losses trimmed at close

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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
439	343	Abbey Nd	410	-4	11.8	3.6	16.0
290	179	Allied Irish	281	-5	...	3.7	14.3
197½	130	Aus New Z	195	+2	...	4.5	...
3800¼	2712½	Bankamerica	2800 †	-25	...	...	...
286	177	Bk of Ireland	280	-2	...	4.4	20.7
350	325	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	17.0	6.1	...
197	116½	Bank Scotland	196	+3	4.6	3.0	26.6
577	362	Barclays	569	-1	...	2.7	...
4¼	2	Benchmark	3¼	...	...	...	...
22	15½	Carlisle	18½	...	...	...	...
595	395	Cater Allen	573	+1	22.0	5.9	...
153	85	Cattles	146	...	...	3.9	19.4
2487½	1787½	Chase Manh	2225 †	-21½	...	...	...
2600	1343½	Citicorp	2437½	+12½	...	...	...
458	250	Close Bros	458	+5	...	3.0	16.7
£130¾	9375	Commerzbk	£136¾	...	...	3.0	...
£342¼	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£336½	-125	...	1.8	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	86½	...	...	0.7	...
1651	876	Fuji Bank Y	1401	...	...	0.4	...
529	343	Gerrard Nat	488	...	21.5	5.6	12.6
775	490	HSBC	764	+2	30.0	3.3	18.3
786	474	HSBC HK	776	+4½	30.0	3.2	18.6
403	243	Hambros	402	-1	14.0	4.4	18.6
428	313	Joseph (L)	418	...	16.6	5.0	...
155	96	King Shaxson	150	...	9.0	7.5	...
529	312	Kleinwort Ben	528	...	16.7	4.0	18.3
591	402	Lloyds	559	-6	19.1	4.3	16.0
118	63	Lon Scot Bk	95	...	2.0	2.8	18.8
575	322	Nat Aust Bk	575	-13	...	3.4	20.9
586	398	Nat West	535	...	17.8	4.0	33.7
460	270	Provident	429	-1	12.4	3.6	18.6
54	39	Rea Bros	52	...	0.5	1.3	56.3
362	307	Ryl Bk Scot	356	...	9.0	3.2	...
1335	467½	Schroders	1258	-5	...	1.2	25.1
1071	576	Stand Chart	1071	+13	20.5	2.4	...
227	145½	TSB	227	...	6.4	3.5	...
190	78	Union Disc	167	+1	...	...	...
932	529	Warburg SG	930	+6	...	2.6	29.5
8600	4843½	Wells Fargo	7462½	-12½	...	2.7	...
205	121	Westpac	205	+6	...	3.8	...
325	188	Wintrust	325	...	9.3	3.6	29.1

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	588	-2	...	4.5	15.9
647	441	Bass	490	+2	19.1	4.0	10.7
299	189	Boddington	271	...	7.5	3.5	15.8
459	362	Bulmer (HP)	439	...	...	2.9	19.2
167	129	Burtonwd Brw	153	-1	4.7	3.9	12.8
130	75	Eldridge P 'A'▲	127	-2	...	3.3	33.6
68¼	50	Fosters Brewing	66½	+3¼	...	3.9	...
435	338	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	429	-3	...	2.2	18.4
480	383	Grand Met	408	-9	12.5	3.8	13.5
427	347	Greenalls Grp	380	...	12.0	4.0	12.6
575	505	Greene King	574	...	...	2.7	16.2
521	388	Guinness	434	-1	...	3.6	16.2
281	230	Hardy Hansn	253	...	7.8	3.9	14.1
138	105	Heavitree▲	138	...	3.0	2.8	32.9
353	255	Highland Distl	343	...	6.6	2.4	∞
3138	2538	Holt J	3038	...	42.0	1.7	19.8
80	33	Hoskins Brew	75	+2	...	...	54.0
323	250	Invergordn Dist	299	...	...	3.0	17.1
19½	131	Macallan-Glen	131	...	4.3	4.2	29.4
465	375	Mardn Marsn 'A'	390	...	...	2.8	18.6
225	164	Mansfield	207	-8	...	2.3	14.8
299	231	Mrstn Thmp	294	...	...	2.4	17.2
514	288½	Matthew Clark	514 †	+4	...	4.4	17.1
300	239	Mrydwn W	299	-6	7.0	3.5	19.7
545	455	Morland	515	...	8.7	2.1	20.5
12	6½	Paramount▲	8¼	...	...	2.1	∞
199	145	Regent Inns	195	...	...	2.9	19.8
1088	753	SA Breweries	1052	+9	...	2.5	17.8
475	393	Scot & New	469	+2	...	4.5	14.6
225	181	Taunton Cider	190	...	6.0	3.9	15.5
364	213	Vaux Group	264	+2	9.3	4.4	18.2
356	225	Wetherspoon JD	354 †	+1½	5.4	1.9	∞
574¼	435	Whitbread 'A'	519	-1	...	4.3	14.0
1425	850	-do- 'B'	1200	...	...	1.8	30.1
613	463	Wolvrhmptn D	494	...	11.8	3.0	13.9
515	475	Young 'A'	478	...	14.5	3.8	19.8

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
135	73	Abbey	135	...	...	1.7	22.2
25½	12½	Albrighton▲	19	...	...	...	...
146	97	Allen▲	138	...	5.0	4.5	31.3
120	65	Amec	114	+2	3.0	3.3	21.1
12	4	Anglia Sec	7¼	...	...	...	...
323	195	Ashtead▲	323	...	4.5	1.8	33.0
142	101	Attwoods	122	-2	5.0	5.3	∞
276	180	BPB Ind	269	+2	...	3.5	46.3
91	57	Baggeridge Brk	85	...	3.1	4.6	28.6
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	27	+¼	0.6	2.8	...
106	74	Barcom	92	-1	1.2	1.7	16.7
56¼	32½	Bardon	41	...	2.0	6.1	20.2
195	94	Barratt Devs	179	...	4.0	2.8	∞
459	305	Bellway	459	...	...	3.3	26.6
43	15	Bellwinch	40	...	...	...	...
449	295½	Berkeley Gp	437	-1	...	1.7	27.4
116	45	Bett Bros	96	...	...	0.7	3.9
63	36	Blockleys	56	...	1.0	2.2	61.9
305	189	Blue Circle	305	+2	...	4.6	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	268 †	+1	6.0	2.8	15.0
106	78	Breedon PLC	91	...	4.6	6.3	22.4
135	82	Br Dredging	121 †	+½	5.2	5.3	27.3
86	45	Brit Fitings	84	...	1.7	2.6	...
151	99	Bryant	142	...	...	4.2	28.7
114	53	CALA	114	+1	...	...	...
328	201	CRH	281	-1	...	2.7	17.6
43	18	Cakebread Rby	30	...	...	...	...
41½	21	Costain	30¼	...	...	...	...
150	86½	Countryside	149	...	...	3.4	39.4
98¼	39	Crest Nicholson	96	...	0.0	...	...
112	27	Cussins	95	-3	...	1.3	...
7½	1½	Dunton▲	3½	...	...	...	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	19	...	0.3	2.0	...
275	178	Epwin	274	+1	7.0	3.2	23.2
59	32	Erith	57	...	0.3	0.8	...
493	252	Eve Group▲	493	+5	...	2.5	17.8
6½	3	Explaura▲	3¼	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp▲	129	...	...	4.8	20.5
50	38	Galliford	40½	...	1.0	3.1	∞
81	52	Gibbs & Dandy	81	...	...	1.5	...
923	695	Gleeson (MJ)	923	...	12.7	1.7	∞
164	90	Hewden-Stuart	163	...	...	2.5	29.1
51	28	Hewetson	46	...	...	3.4	34.0
358	186	Heywd Wim	355	...	12.5	4.4	...
119	37	Higgs & Hill	111 †	-1	2.5	2.8	...
38	26	How Gp	29½	...	...	4.6	...
21	15	Howard Hldgs	21	...	0.5	3.0	...
78	39	Ibstock Johnsen	61	...	1.0	2.0	...
19½	12½	Jarvis	14	...	...	...	...
316	196	Laing (J)	303	...	9.0	3.7	12.1
127½	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	120½	...	...	6.6	...
103	55	Ln Clydeside▲	103	...	4.5	5.5	38.8
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	17	...	...	...	7.7
350	249	Manders	299	...	9.3	3.9	18.3
168	93	Marley	158	-1	4.2	3.3	46.3
115	61	Marshalls	110	-1	...	4.5	75.8
185	122	Maunders (J)	185	...	5.1	3.5	∞
217	96	McAlpine (A)	214	-1	6.5	3.8	37.0
47	23	McCarthy & S	44	...	0.5	1.4	...
445	272	Meyer Int	430	...	...	2.9	43.1
129	62	Mowlem (J)	118	...	4.0	4.2	...
156	51	NSM	148	+2	...	...	...
53	48	Needler ▲	50	+2	...	3.6	23.4
171	106	Newman Tnks	150	...	...	5.6	20.0
300	197	Persimmon	295	+1	8.6	3.6	30.1
26	10	Phoenix Timber	10	...	...	...	...
1625	1237½	Pochins	1525	...	29.0	2.4	∞
163	80	Prowting	148	-2	3.4	2.9	...
6¼	1½	Quiligotti▲	1½	...	...	...	...
840	555	RMC Gp	805	...	...	3.1	30.2
117	75½	Raine Ind	76	-1	...	4.9	18.0
36	18	Ramus▲	30	...	...	...	...
575	402	Redland	528	-10	25.0	5.9	30.7
82	64	Roskel	82	...	4.3	6.6	12.1
296	207	Rugby Group	285	...	6.4	2.8	21.8
68	23	Syrild-Rye▲	...	...	...	0.5	...
155	68	Sharpe & Fisher	155	+11	...	3.2	27.0
240	86½	Sheffield Insl	240	+1	...	2.8	58.4
170	82	Sherill Hldgs▲	170	...	...	1.7	25.3
95	60	Shorco▲	84	...	...	7.7	19.1
240	196	Smart (J)	225	...	6.5	4.7	10.2
6½	2½	Starmin	3	...	...	...	...
156	100	Tarmac	137½	+½	5.5	5.0	...
194	137	Tay Homes	176	...	5.8	4.2	∞
135	63	Taylor Woodrw	124	+1	1.0	1.0	∞
633	433	Tilbury Dougls	623	-7	33.0	6.6	20.3
39	19	Torex Hire▲	36	...	...	1.4	...
280	168	Travis Perkins	277	...	8.0	3.6	48.8
40	28	Try Group	29	...	1.0	4.3	8.2
28	23	Tudor▲	23	...	...	1.4	...
94	41	Vibroplant	93	...	3.5	3.4	33.4
65	20	Ward Hldgs	40	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	35	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	435	...	...	3.5	18.3
21½	6½	Wescol▲	18 †	...	...	...	∞
162	90	Westbury	167	+3	5.0	3.7	26.1
12	4½	West Scaffold▲	7	...	...	...	...
3½	3	Wiggins	3¼	...	...	...	...
469	371	Wilson Bowdn	446	...	8.8	2.5	30.6
205	147	Wilson (C)	192	...	3.9	2.6	33.3
194	104	Wimpey G	173	-1	...	3.8	...
47	25	YRM	38	...	0.5	1.6	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	603	-2	...	...	...
234	198	Adam & Harvey	235	...	12.0	6.4	4.3
92	56	Air London▲	61 †	...	...	7.2	∞
56	37	African Lakes	47	...	2.0	5.3	...
178	93	Auto Sec	142	-1	...	5.4	25.4
138	84	BET Ord	123 †	-2	...	2.3	5.0
111	41	BNB Res	109 †	+1½	4.9	5.6	...
318	258	BPP	309	+3	8.3	3.4	17.0
285	195	Barbour Index	227	...	8.0	4.4	15.5
27	15	Boustead	22	-1	0.7	4.0	...
269	184	Brit Data Mgt	266	+1	4.7	2.2	19.4
26	11	Broadcastle▲	26	...	...	1.2	20.7
73	54	Brooks Service	62 †	+½	...	1.0	...
109	86	CRT Gp	97	...	...	3.6	17.2
193	139½	Capita Group	185	...	...	1.5	28.9
45	31	Carlisle Plc	44½	+1	...	2.2	17.1
55	18½	Chiltern Capital	23½	...	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	50	...	...	...	...
370	228	Chubb Sec	363	...	...	1.6	32.5
100	18	Comaco▲	90 #	...	...	2.2	22.1
37	6½	Corp Services	36	...	...	...	...
78	20	Coutts Cnslg	76	+1	...	...	...
126	50	Dart	126	+1	3.3	3.3	17.1
256	198	Davis Service	217	...	...	4.6	16.3
104	85	EW Fact▲	104 #	...	4.4	5.5	11.7
32	11	Gardiner	24	+½	0.4	2.2	16.6
277	215	Hays	267	...	5.3	2.5	∞
248	174	Hogg Robinson	238	...	...	3.5	17.4
70	35	Holmes Protectn	39	...	...	...	2.4
258	127	Hutch Whamp	257	+4	...	1.9	21.5
2175	975	ISS B DKr	2150	...	...	4.6	3.0
637	490	Inchcape	493	-5	...	3.6	16.1
873	669	Johnson Clean	870	...	25.7	3.7	19.0
12	2½	Lep	9¼	...	...	...	...
288	173	Mille Gp	279	...	3.5	1.6	21.7
1187	803	Manpower	1085	...	...	...	...
62	40½	Michael Page	60	...	1.8	3.8	25.5
279	125	Penna▲	128	...	...	9.8	4.8
4½	2	Prime People▲	3½	...	...	...	...
142	74	Proudfoot Alex	78	...	...	24.0	4.3
423	337	RCO	387	...	14.1	4.6	13.3
118	86	REA	97	...	2.0	2.6	...
108	43	Reed Executive	104	...	...	...	...
156	108	Reliance Sec▲	110	...	...	5.1	23.9
238	178	Rentokil	197	-4	2.5	1.6	24.6
285	230	Rolfe & Nolan	270	+10	...	3.3	15.2
399	334	Salvesen (C)	366	...	...	2.7	20.1
39	26	Scott Pickford▲	35	...	...	2.0	11.2
10	5	Select Appt▲	8½	...	...	...	...
1203	608	Serco Gp	1203	...	13.3	1.4	33.3
352	124	Sherwd Cmp▲	145	...	...	6.0	4.2
130	90	Sketchley	106	...	...	3.5	24.2
355	310	Warner Howrd	345	...	6.5	2.4	18.0
45	27	Welpac	32	...	...	...	...
26¼	14	Wills Gp	26	+½	0.4	1.9	∞

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	210	Allied Colloids	237	-3	...	2.3	20.9
930	613	Amersham	930	+5	...	1.8	32.2
7	1½	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
£111¼	8325	BASF DM	£110¾	...	...	0.0	...
300	199	BTP	286	+1	...	3.9	20.4
£128¼	£101¼	Bayer DM50	£127	-62½	...	4.3	...
178	134	Blagden	164	...	6.5	5.0	17.7
165	93	Brent Chems	116	-1	...	8.0	10.6
530	345	Br Bio-Tech	393	...	...	...	...
29	7½	Caird Gp	9	...	...	22.2	25.0
180	126	Canning (W)	165	-1	7.2	5.5	18.9
608	482	Courtaulds	494	-15	...	3.5	13.1
335	228	Croda	335	...	...	3.0	19.2
149	121	Dnefex	124	...	4.6	4.6	9.5
226	175	Ellis & Everard	218	...	...	4.0	20.8
41	15½	Euro Colour	40¼	+½	0.8	2.5	24.8
342	259	Halstead (J)	341	...	6.5	2.4	∞
241	167	Hickson	171	-1	...	5.8	15.9
£118	8850	Hoechst	£113¼	-75	...	3.2	...
229	195	Holliday Chem	225	...	...	2.1	20.5
740¼	608	ICI	717	+1	...	4.8	...
693	576	Laporte	672	-6	19.9	3.7	18.5
230	181	Leigh	211	-1	...	4.6	20.4
97¼	35	MTM	53	...	...	...	...
2025	1482½	Norsk Hydro	2025	+25	...	1.4	28.8
464	370	Paterson Zoch	448 †	-2	12.6	3.5	∞
420	360	-do- 'A'	405 †	-3	12.6	3.9	∞
296	199	Plysu	214	...	...	4.1	14.0
303	173	Porvair	301	...	3.8	1.6	32.2
70	36	Sutcliffe Speak	54	...	...	...	...
485	412	Wardle Storeys	450	...	17.0	4.7	18.1
535	395	Wolstnhlme R	533	...	17.0	4.0	18.2
410	330	Yorks Chem	409	...	...	2.4	21.9
300	233	Yule Catto	254 †	-1	...	3.0	15.8
799	593	Zeneca	756	-17	...	4.5	44.7

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	73	...	...	5.1	...
87	42	Amber Day	51	-4	3.1	7.6	14.0
358	257	Argos Plc	341	...	...	2.6	28.1
25	11½	Ashley Group	11½	-½	...	2.0	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	92	...	0.1	0.1	...
330	278	Asprey	330	...	5.1	1.9	22.9
154	94	Austin Reed	154	...	...	3.0	...
155	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	154	...	...	5.0	15.5
121	94	Bentalls	110	...	1.9	2.2	...
278	179	Betterware	196	-4	...	1.4	23.4
47	22	Blacks Lels	46	...	2.2	6.2	...
227	133	Body Shop	210 †	-½	...	1.1	27.1
16½	11½	Brown & Jackson	12½	...	...	0.8	0.0
434	318	Brown (N)	418 †	-3	...	2.2	24.6
87½	64½	Burton	74½	-1½	...	3.4	...
157	126	Camors	159	...	4.0	3.2	∞
360	295	Church	348	...	12.5	4.5	31.0
183	97	Clinton Cards	164	...	4.3	3.3	19.8
280½	212	Coats Viyella	276	-½	...	3.4	28.1
112	78	Colourvision▲	97	-1	5.6	7.2	17.4
181	154	Cty Casuals	172 †	-1½	...	3.0	16.0
814	374	Courts Furnish	814	+9	5.5	0.8	10.2
155	115	Crown Eye▲	135	...	...	6.5	9.2
130	89	Dairy Farm Intl	130	+4	...	2.8	19.1
88	51½	Dewhirst (D)	88	...	0.8	1.1	28.3
282	189	Dixons Grp	267	+1	...	2.9	...
21	8	ERA Gp	11	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	...	16.0	3.8	18.2
166	71	Essex Furn	148	...	...	3.0	∞
273	203	Etam	254	...	7.0	3.5	23.1
608	499	Fine Art Dev	574	-1	12.7	2.8	18.8
70	26	Fired Earth Tiles	60	...	...	...	...
573	498	Forminster	573	...	14.0	3.1	10.4
180	24	French Conn▲	140	...	...	...	...
74	43	Gent SR	73	...	2.1	3.6	∞
78	23	Goldsmiths Gp	75	+3	0.3	0.5	...
563	334	GUS	532 †	-5	...	1.4	17.0
40	25	Hampden Grp▲	23	...	...	5.4	11.4
277	30	Harstone	64	+1	...	3.5	...
27½	20	Helene Plc	25½	-½	2.0	9.9	12.1
75	29	Hertage▲	74	...	...	...	...
79	35	Honeysuckle▲	70 †	+½	...	4.0	∞
161	63	Jacques Vert	160	...	...	2.3	12.3
691	496	Kingfisher	647	-9	...	2.7	22.3
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	69	...	4.0	7.2	14.2
685	495	Liberty	575	...	7.2	1.6	67.7
320	241	Lloyds Chem	275	...	7.2	3.3	∞
152	120	MFI	139½	-1	...	3.4	29.3
408	311	Marks Spencer	403	-½	...	2.5	22.1
580	445	Menzies (John)	577	...	...	2.3	16.4
253	135	Moss Bros	252 †	+½	5.5	2.7	29.6
212	139½	Next	193	-1½	3.5	2.3	22.9
41	15	Oliver (G)	39	...	...	...	...
324	197	Oriflame Intl	319	-2	...	3.8	15.6
63	38½	Pentos	43	-1	0.8	2.3	9.0
313	185	QS Hldgs	191	...	5.1	3.4	13.6
55	20½	Rhino Grp▲	55	+4½	...	...	...
168	130	Rosebys	167	...	...	3.6	20.0
181	135	Sherwood Gp	156	...	...	2.1	14.1
119½	93	Sears	114½	-1	...	3.8	...
41½	11	Signet Group	30	-½	...	...	...
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	479	-3	...	3.7	15.7
20	4½	Specialeyes▲	18	...	...	...	...
229	176	Storehouse	195	-½	...	3.2	25.2
191	148	T & S Stores	159	...	6.0	4.7	11.8
162	71	Tie Rack	158	...	1.0	0.8	25.9
239	160	Time Products	237	...	7.7	4.1	20.2
128	63	Usher (Frank)▲	110	...	...	6.8	9.5
45	27	Vivat	36	...	1.0	3.5	11.1
48	34	Wensum▲	47	...	...	5.1	...
119	76	Wickes	114	...	...	0.2	51.7
78	45	Wkd of Leather▲	68	...	...	...	...
198	146	Wyevale▲	184	...	...	2.9	24.3
4	2½	Xtra-vision▲	3	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	158	-2	...	4.0	15.9
253	223	Acal▲	253	...	...	3.1	17.6
162½	38	Acorn Comp▲	97	+1	...	...	49.2
480	385	Admiral	462	+2	5.7	1.5	19.5
170	104	Alba	163	...	...	3.7	20.4
90	19½	Alphameric	46	...	...	...	...
51	22	Amstrad	48	...	0.5	1.3	∞
128	61	App Holo▲	71	...	...	...	...
43	9½	Arlen	38	...	...	...	...
88	35½	Asset	81½	+½	...	0.4	...
293	243	Beales Hunter	244	...	...	4.8	15.1
9	2	Bennett & Fount	2½	...	...	...	...
446	319	BICC	409	...	19.2	5.9	...
558	422	BICK	425 †	-10	...	3.0	17.0
1700	925	Borland▲	1125	...	...	...	...
371	274	Bowthorpe	356	...	6.4	2.3	23.1
474	376	BT	465½	+3½	...	4.2	22.0
224	150	BT P/P	214½	+1½	...	4.1	22.4
14½	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	13½	...	0.1	0.9	...
160	95	Burnfield	95	...	5.7	7.6	15.0
509	334½	Cable Wireless	502½	+1½	...	1.8	26.3
27½	11½	Chloride	24½	...	...	...	...
273	220	CML Micro▲	268	...	...	2.2	19.5
115	74	Computr People	110	...	...	...	...
164	108½	Cray Elect	143½	...	...	1.3	14.7
433	243	Critchley	424	...	...	1.4	24.4
554	414	Delta	492	+2	...	3.6	20.6
360	205	Denmans El▲	359	...	...	2.2	15.3
620	395	Domino	434	...	7.4	2.1	14.8
65	48	Dowding Mills	62	...	...	5.0	26.6
1175	865	Druck▲	1175	...	10.0	1.1	25.1
469	358	Electrocompnts	441	...	...	2.2	18.0
653	470	El Data Prc	628	...	5.1	1.0	17.2
146	43	Electron House	144	...	2.6	2.3	31.6
35	10½	Emess	21	...	0.1	0.6	...
632	442	Eurotherm	631	...	8.5	1.7	28.7
182	108	FKI	179	-2	...	2.1	26.2
497	340	Farnell Elect	497 †	+6	...	1.7	26.3
91	33	Feedback▲	83	...	...	2.3	10.8
18	1½	Ferranti	1½	+½	...	...	...
280	101	First Tech	279	...	...	0.4	23.2
270	81	Forward Gp▲	240	-12	...	1.7	21.7
22½	16	Forward Tech	16	...	...	...	...
367½	264	GEC	350½	-1½	10.3	3.7	17.6
199	132	Graseby	165	...	...	8.3	34.7
14½	7½	Graystone	11½	...	...	...	...
39	36	Hilclare▲	36	...	...	1.7	...
169	83	INSTEM▲	136	...	...	2.9	9.7
169	118	Ind Control	155	...	4.4	3.5	∞
388	320	Jones Stroud	388	...	...	2.8	15.6
88	26	Kalamazoo	86	...	2.1	3.1	20.0
19	8	Kembrey	13½	...	0.1	1.4	...
349	260	Kenwood App	349	+1	...	2.8	19.6
253	47	Kewill Sys▲	253	...	...	...	...
309	100	Kode	165	...	6.0	4.5	19.6
60	16	Laser-Scan▲	28	...	...	...	...
365	122	LBMS▲	252	...	...	0.4	35.5
300	205	Lee Refrig	233	...	9.0	4.8	...
179	129	Life Sciences	141	...	3.7	3.3	15.3
285	164	Logica	279	...	...	1.8	32.2
55	44	LPA Ind▲	54	...	...	8.1	15.2
289	162	MR Data Mngmt	188	...	5.1	3.5	∞
718	523	Macro 4	700	+1	...	3.2	21.3
243	175½	Memvier-Sw▲	230	-5	...	2.0	20.4
3013	1298	Micro Focus	1538	-2	...	...	14.2
227	147	Microgen	159	...	7.2	5.7	10.8
34½	23½	Microvitec▲	28	+½	...	...	...
529	357	Misys	527	...	...	1.7	19.2
584	98	Mitel	496	+9	...	...	...
138	108	MMT Comp▲	127½	...	...	3.6	16.2
70½	16	Molynx	43	...	...	1.3	...
272	202	MTL Inst▲	255	...	...	1.8	19.2
165	103	Multitone Elect	123	+8	3.5	3.6	22.3
240	116	Murray Enter	240	...	...	2.1	...
3206½	2612½	NYNEX	2850	-12½	...	...	...
188	128	Neotronics	131	...	2.6	2.5	16.9
66	42	Newmark (L)	56	...	...	...	...
277	58	Norbain▲	256	+1	...	0.7	19.7
75	30	Northamber	61	...	0.6	1.2	...
15½	9	Oceonics	10½	...	...	...	...
287	195	Oxford Inst	287	...	4.5	2.0	19.8
83	48	P-E Intern'l	73	...	...	...	...
81½	29	P & P	69	...	1.5	2.7	36.6
80	55	Peek	77 †	+1	3.4	5.5	20.1
227	115	Pegasus▲	219	...	...	3.6	56.2
9500	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9500 †	...	...	6.1	...
1400	725	-do- Lmp n/v	1400	...	...	...	...
313	211	Phonelink▲	285	+5	...	...	...
290	171½	Pilco	285	...	...	1.8	23.9
280	151½	-do- 'A' Voting	274	...	...	1.9	23.0
96	63	Plasmec▲	75	...	...	5.0	6.3
120	76	Pressac	108 †	...	2.5	3.0	∞
157	81	Psion▲	157	+3	...	2.0	41.7
261	160	Racal Elect	209	+4	4.2	2.5	12.4
70	45	Radamec	53 †	+½	...	3.5	11.3
70	31	Radius▲	35	...	2.2	8.0	12.1
92	61	Real Time ▲	72	+4	...	5.2	14.8
35	18	Riva▲	27	...	...	...	34.2
629	367	Sage Gp	432	...	9.3	2.7	13.8
348	222	Sanderson Elec	312	...	9.9	4.0	13.3
88	49	Scantronic	75	...	3.1	5.2	18.9
181	117	Scholes Grp	172	...	...	3.6	22.3
375	270	Sema Gp	323	...	2.9	1.1	26.3
42	26	Silvermines	39	...	...	3.0	...
51	37	Soundtracks▲	51	...	...	5.6	17.2
2675	1737½	TDK	2387½	+34½	...	1.3	27.0
27	4½	TDS Circuits▲	14	...	...	...	...
198	80	Telemetrix	156	...	0.8	0.6	25.7
1017	809	THORN EMI	964	+13	...	4.1	19.7
152	96	Thorpe FW	148	-2	...	2.3	17.2
100	46	Total Systems▲	46	-1	3.0	8.2	8.2
540	372	Tunstall	540	+5	5.7	1.3	21.6
295	164	Unitech	284	-1	...	2.6	69.7
11½	6	Verity	10	...	...	...	...
35	24	Vistec▲	28½	...	...	1.6	16.3
585	367	Vodafone	578	+25	...	1.5	26.2
473	368	Volex	445	...	17.8	5.0	18.3
26	11	Western Selectn	20	...	...	...	...
290	223	Wholesale Ftgs	270	...	11.7	5.4	28.7

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	389	East Midlands	591	+3	...	4.1	11.1
622	399	Eastern Elect	613	...	...	3.9	12.2
419	304	Hydro-Elect	411	...	...	3.5	14.9
618	404	London Elect	603	-4	...	4.0	13.4
673	458	Manweb	664	-3	...	4.0	9.6
643	424½	Midlands Elec	627	-3	...	4.0	11.2
421	273	National Powr	416½	-½	...	3.2	12.4
666	440	Northern Elec	649	-2	...	4.1	9.4
206	100	Ndn Ireland	206	+1	...	3.8	10.9
672	439	Norweb	656	+1	20.0	3.8	10.2
468½	273	PowerGen	464	+2	...	2.8	12.3
420	285	Scottish Power	419	+3	...	3.3	15.6
681	436	Seeboard	668	-1	...	3.7	10.8
681	469	Sth Wales	670	-1	...	4.2	11.2
626	436	Sth Western	619	-2	...	4.0	9.8
642	406	Southern Elec	622	+2	...	3.9	11.4
647	455	Yorkshire Elec	642	+2	...	4.0	12.1

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60¼	50	Aitken Hume	56	...	1.0	2.2	11.9
128	47	BWD▲	128	...	...	3.3	20.0
101	26	Baltic Plc	101	...	...	1.2	...
550	413	Caledonia	550	...	...	3.4	20.4
1700	1075	Camellia	1600	...	...	2.4	8.0
318	243	Candover	313	...	10.4	4.2	22.2
257	71	Flextech▲	254	...	...	0.2	...
349	155	Govett	349	+9	...	4.7	10.2
188	125	Ivory Sime	153	-1	...	5.3	14.4
8½	3	LIT	4	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lighthip	12 #	...	...	...	...
240	154	Lon Forfaitng▲	238	...	8.7	4.6	17.3
73	47	Manakin	73	+1	5.0	8.6	∞
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	8¼	...	...	...	...
52	40	Newmarket	51	...	...	...	...
341	246	Rathbone Brs	327	...	6.5	2.5	19.9
26	17	Rutland Tst	24½	...	...	4.1	14.5
340	253	S & U	319	...	10.2	4.0	11.9
83	48	Singer & Fried	80	-½	...	4.7	...
975	713	Sothebys	900	-8	...	3.8	...
126	120	S/P Capital	125 †	...	3.0	3.0	31.6

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2556¼	1487½	Amer Express	2168½	+56¼	...	...	...
1133	835	Henderson Ad	1118	-5	...	4.7	25.8
200	92	Invesco	171	-½	...	2.2	...
286	164	Jardine Strat	282	+4	...	2.8	11.8
236	154	MAI	228	-2	...	3.8	14.4
720	389	MAM	715	-3	15.0	2.6	17.9
1005	633	M & G	1004	-1	...	2.7	26.7
408	109	Smith New Crt	408	+1	...	1.8	6.2
81	55	Trio Hldgs	76	...	...	4.9	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
536½	456	AB Food	499	+5	14.0	3.5	11.4
77½	52	ASDA Group	54	...	1.6	3.7	12.9
305	170	Acatos & Hutch	288	+4	7.6	3.3	16.0
80	55	Albert Fisher	70 †	-2	3.7	6.7	∞
407	285	Argyll	292½	-3½	...	4.7	10.8
230	160	Banks (S C)	230	...	9.0	4.9	10.3
402	310	Barr (AG)	323	...	6.5	2.5	16.3
85	57	Bensons Crsp▲	68	-1	...	5.2	15.3
141	109	Berisford Intl	109	-3½	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	386	+1	...	7.0	33.5
52	35	Borthwick	48	...	...	3.1	59.6
505	430	Brake Bros	483	+4	6.3	1.7	20.0
51	38	Budgen	44	...	...	2.8	13.4
503	407	Cadbury-Schw	476	-3	...	3.5	16.8
132	78	Carrs Milling	132	...	3.0	3.7	28.4
196	156	Cranswick	159	-32	...	6.3	11.9
22	8½	Cullens	14	+½	0.5	4.5	40.2
384	119	Dalepak	136	...	6.0	5.5	10.7
521	424	Dalgety	460	-8	...	5.6	13.1
54	27	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
248	191	Devro	244	+1	...	2.8	23.2
134	99	Everest	104	...	...	4.4	18.9
380	269	Farepak	380	...	5.7	1.9	23.4
10	3	Farringford	8	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	81	...	...	6.6	26.2
125	78	Fyffes	100	...	...	1.5	18.0
483	328	Geest	379	...	8.1	2.7	16.9
16	7	Global▲	13½	...	...	4.6	21.0
49	43	Grand Central	49	+1	1.2	3.2	∞
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	189	...	...	4.2	10.7
175	131	Hillsdown	164 †	+1	8.8	6.7	12.9
250	175	Iceland Group	177	...	...	2.5	11.2
131	103	JLI Group	108	...	...	5.4	12.0
683	638	Kwik Save	641	-1	16.7	3.3	12.3
262	158	Low (Wm)	162	...	8.4	6.5	7.8
83	41	Matthews (B)	77	...	2.3	3.8	30.4
19½	12½	Merchant Retail	15½	...	1.1	8.9	31.7
174	96	Morrison (W)	97	-1	...	1.1	12.6
230	177	Nichols (JN)	230	...	13.9	7.6	6.7
291	228	Nthn Foods	228	-6	...	4.6	11.3
20¼	9½	Nrthmbra Fn▲	12	...	...	...	...
229	172	Nurdin Peack	182	-7	...	4.3	10.1
251	205	Park Foods	242	-1	...	3.1	18.7
115	78	Perkins Food	85	+1	...	6.5	9.8
114	47	PizzaExpress	104	...	...	0.6	22.0
9	1½	Regina Hlth▲	4½	...	...	...	...
584	393	Sainsbury J	396	+½	...	3.2	13.9
86	33	Sentry Farm▲	73	...	...	2.6	13.1
225	94	Sims Food	114	...	...	8.2	22.0
439	355½	Tate & Lyle	387	+5	12.3	4.0	12.2
273	189	Tesco	201	-2	...	4.5	9.1
211	123	Thorntons	168	...	...	2.7	...
183	101	Treats▲	156	...	...	3.0	17.8
410	300	Unigate	377	...	...	5.3	12.4
437	340½	Utd Biscuits	366	-6	...	5.2	22.6
24½	18½	Usborne	22½	...	...	3.0	∞
337	248	Watson & Phil	301	...	13.2	5.5	15.7

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
26	12	Abrdn Stk H▲	26	...	...	...	...
93½	77	City Centre Rest	91	-½	1.5	2.2	22.0
250	170	Forte	219	-2½	...	4.3	17.2
215	148	Friendly Hotels	154	...	...	4.6	30.0
11½	5	Harmony Leis▲	10	...	...	...	...
135½	87	Jurys Hotel	128	...	...	5.0	10.2
222½	154	Ladbroke	172	-1	11.1	8.1	14.7
80	59	Mandarin Orntl	80	+2	...	4.2	19.8
59	44	Queens Moat	47½ #	...	1.4	3.7	...
99	83	-do- 7¾% cvpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	¼	Regal Hotels▲	1¼	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
24	11½	Ryan Hotels IL	18½	...	...	6.4	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	790	-10	7.0	1.1	...
66	34½	Stakis	63	...	...	0.9	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	19	AAP Inds	30	-4	...	...	1.8
616	455	AAH	516	+1	...	4.2	16.6
185	140	AIM	185	...	7.5	5.1	11.2
132	88	APV	104	...	...	6.5	...
238	81	ASW	147	-41	...	5.1	...
186½	118	Adwest	177	...	...	5.1	17.0
29	10	Aerospace Eng	20	...	...	4.7	26.3
281	249	Airsprung	275	...	...	2.0	17.6
184	113	Alendra W	182 †	...	4.1	2.8	28.8
13½	6½	Allied Radio	8½	...	...	...	...
292½	207½	Alumasc	283	...	...	2.6	16.7
48	17	Alvis	40	...	1.0	3.1	8.2
565	345	Amber Ind	565	...	...	4.1	12.9
56	46	Amberley Gp▲	50	...	...	2.5	...
107	75	Anagen	82	...	...	...	...
145	75	Andrews Sykes	99	+3	...	6.2	...
1005	703	Antofagasta	978 †	+3	...	2.0	18.1
54½	37	Armour	49½	+½	...	4.1	11.8
170	143	Ash & Lacy	150	...	6.4	5.3	15.3
4	2	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	...	1.8	...
541½	434	Avon Rubber	515	-5	...	4.0	20.5
265	168	Assoc Nursg▲	265	...	...	0.5	16.2
687½	523	Atlas Equip	525	...	...	5.2	13.2
68	35	Ayrshire Metal	66	+2	...	...	...
188	147	BBA	188	...	...	5.0	16.0
81	28	BLP Group▲	81	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	27½	+1	3.4	17.0	1.0
770	622	BOC	649	-9	23.8	4.6	14.2
79½	62	BSG	70½	...	...	5.7	24.5
487	353	BSS Group	483	...	...	4.5	28.9
409½	318	BTR	367	-4	...	3.8	20.5
221	155	BWI	169	...	6.7	5.1	∞
50	29	Babcock	34½	-½	...	7.6	20.6
9	4½	Bailey (CH)	7¼	...	...	...	...
289	240	Baird (Wm)	272	-1	8.9	4.1	18.6
1062½	530	Barlow Rand	643½	...	...	5.2	3.7
65	48	Baynes (Charles)	64	...	...	2.9	26.2
15	4	Beauford	4½	...	...	...	...
10	3½	Beckenham▲	3½	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)▲	32	...	...	...	...
27½	15	Benson Group	16	...	...	2.3	12.1
707	461	Bespak	483	-2	10.0	2.6	15.1
135	73	Bibby (J)	82	...	8.9	13.6	4.8
312	129	Billam (J)	275	-5	5.3	2.4	13.9
41	21½	Bilston Burslem▲	28	...	...	...	...
11½	3½	Bimec Ind	4½	...	...	...	...
218	118½	Birkby	217	...	3.5	2.0	20.6
45	32	Black Arrow	38	...	2.6	8.6	11.9
1½	¼	Black & Edgtn▲	1½	...	...	...	...
242	136	Black (Peter)	242	...	3.7	1.9	21.3
562	129	Bluebird Toys▲	518	...	...	1.1	15.8
322	247	Bodycote	284	...	...	2.3	18.0
40	23	Bogod 'A'	30	+2	0.7	2.9	11.2
563	416	Boots	518	-1	...	3.2	19.2
61	42	Booth Inds	50	...	0.7	1.8	...
523	435½	Bowater	440	-2½	...	3.4	18.4
1682	1189	Bowater Inc	1325 †	-1	...	...	...
278	199	Boxmore Intl▲	278	...	...	1.7	20.8
19	12½	Brasway	14	-1	...	4.6	...
303	204	Brammer	296	...	13.0	5.5	22.0
27	12	Bridgend Gp	22 †	...	0.4	...	...
123	64	Bridon	120	+1	...	4.2	...
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	75	...	2.5	4.2	∞
48	31	Brierley Inv	46	+1	...	7.5	∞
308	240	Br Bldg & Eng	240 †	+5½	8.0	4.2	∞
82	42	Br Bloodstock▲	79	+1	...	...	...
528	417	Br Polythene	463	...	...	2.8	16.6
131½	54	Br Steel	126	-3½	...	1.0	...
180	80	Br Syphon	85	...	...	4.4	23.8
185	115	Br Thornton	162	...	...	1.9	17.7
288	215	Br Vita	256	+4	7.3	3.6	15.8
19½	5½	Brixton Grp	15	...	...	1.5	...
805	555	Broken Hill	805	+17	...	2.2	38.0
112	78	Bromsgrve Ind	106	-1	...	5.2	13.7
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	9	...	...	...	...
73	44	Brown & Tawse	49	...	...	...	...
132	91	Bullough	125	...	6.0	6.1	21.4
24	11½	Business Tech▲	22½	+½	...	...	...
28	17	CI Group	21	...	0.5	3.5	19.8
31	11	Campbell & Arm	26	...	...	...	...
39	6½	Cannon St	31	...	...	...	...
260	205	Cape	259	...	...	5.1	17.5
251	178	Cardo Eng	249	+2	8.6	4.3	17.7
2888	2138	Caterpil Mtl	2313	...	...	2.7	∞
78	68	Cassidy Bros▲	72	...	...	4.2	11.8
213	158	Castings	213	...	4.3	2.6	15.0
71	62	Cathay Intl	65	...	...	...	...
195	113	Chamberlin Hill	176	...	6.2	4.4	11.1
753	605	Charter	744	...	...	3.7	17.5
345	220	Chemring	310	...	...	3.4	18.7
92	48	Chieftain Gp▲	51	...	4.5	11.0	10.9
49	17	Chillington	40	...	0.2	0.8	...
205	144	Christies Int	203	...	...	0.9	50.4
63	34	Clayhithe	63	...	...	5.0	...
95	66	Clayton Son	68	...	...	...	...
7	7	Co Designers▲	7 #	...	...	...	...
400	295	Cohen (A)	375	+12	3.4	1.1	...
241	179	Community H	240	...	...	3.6	16.4
246	186½	Concentric	209	-3	...	3.3	17.6
288	120	Cook (Wm)	266	-5	5.0	2.3	16.1
233	182	Cookson	206	...	...	3.6	27.3
76	38	Copymore▲	71	...	...	1.8	21.7
238	130	Crswll Pkr 'A'	147	...	...	4.8	19.9
178	92	Cosalt	131	...	8.6	8.2	19.9
224	150	Creighton Nt▲	200	...	...	4.6	14.3
48	27	CrestaCare	33	...	0.6	2.5	28.6
3956¼	2993½	Dana	3931½	-3½	...	...	...
305	78½	Danka Bs Sys	302	+2	...	0.6	28.6
243	193	David Brown	223	...	...	3.4	15.8
22	5	Davies (DY)▲	17	...	...	...	...
760	632	De La Rue	758	-2	...	2.8	20.1
30	16	Dinkie Heel	30	...	1.1	4.7	23.5
563	391	Diploma	563	+6	10.7	2.3	29.3
80	50	Dobson Park	80	...	5.0	7.9	14.4
119	92	Dyson (J&J)	119	...	5.0	5.3	21.9
83	57	-do- 'A'	83	...	5.0	7.5	15.3
16½	8	EFG	16	...	...	...	...
440	367	EIS	416	...	...	3.7	16.3
28	19	Elbief	25	...	...	...	...
50	19	Elco	49	...	...	...	0.00
2375	1750	Electrolux 'B'	2375	...	...	2.2	...
76	45	Elliott (B)	72	...	...	...	...
475	394	Eng China Cl	420	-2	...	6.0	24.4
140	111	Environmed	133	-5	...	...	57.1
3962½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	3802½	+96½	...	0.8	...
77	32	Eurocopy	65	...	1.0	1.9	25.2
87	47	Expamet	68	...	...	4.4	1.6
717	499	Fairey Group	686	...	10.7	1.9	21.2
111	47	Fenner	111	+2	2.5	2.8	23.6
66	32	Ferraris Group	64	...	...	3.4	15.0
2	¼	Ferromet▲	2	...	...	...	...
29	15	Ferrum	18	...	1.4	9.7	12.6
61	28	Fife Indmar	60	...	0.7	1.6	...
251	147	Fisons	159	-2	...	7.0	14.4
53	29	Fitzwilton	51	...	...	8.9	...
288	215	Flogas	273	...	...	3.6	12.5
43	38½	Folkes Group nv	37	...	1.5	5.1	21.0
86	56	French (Thomas)	86	...	3.6	5.3	43.1
234	162	Frost Group	228 †	...	...	2.4	29.5
88	71	GEI Int	85	...	...	7.3	...
513	434	GKN	478	-½	...	5.4	31.9
51	42	GR Hldgs	44	...	1.8	5.2	...
101	79	Garton Eng	94	+2	4.1	5.5	...
761	103	Gestetner	153	-2	8.2	6.7	6.7
68	23	Gieves	66	+12	...	...	49.2
801	509	Glaxo	674	-8½	...	4.1	17.6
38	16	Glenchewton	31	...	...	...	...
331	245	Glynwed	304 †	-1	11.6	4.8	28.7
129	66	Goode Durrant	125	...	...	5.4	...
153	102	Grampian Hd	142 †	+½	5.5	4.8	24.7
498	341	Granada	474	-1	7.9	2.1	25.2
447	301	Great Shrtrs▲	446	...	...	3.2	18.3
117	78	Green (Ernest)▲	91 †	-1	...	9.6	∞
15½	8½	Greenacre▲	14½	-½	...	2.5	14.6
17	7	Guardian Grp▲	7¼	...	...	...	...
63	30½	Haden MacLn	63	...	...	4.0	22.7
94	44	Hadleigh Inds▲	89	...	...	0.7	...
290	115	Hall Eng	274	-2	8.6	3.9	22.9
229	161	Halma	198	...	...	1.2	26.6
49	30	Hampson Ind	44	...	1.6	4.5	14.5
274½	222	Hanson	272½	+1½	...	5.2	13.9
221	153	Harris (Philip)	161	...	...	5.3	9.8
198	147	Harrisn Crsfld	187	-1	9.0	6.0	27.0
112	38	Havelock Euro	111	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	38	...	...	...	...
28	17	Headway	25	...	0.7	3.5	∞
13½	4½	Healthcare	4½	...	...	22.2	1.2
400	301	Hepworth	398	-1	14.8	4.7	17.2
228	160	Hewitt (J)	213	...	3.2	1.9	18.6
41	15	High-Point	41 †	+1½	0.5	1.5	...
164	112½	Hill & Smith	162	...	...	4.3	22.5
19½	6½	Hobson▲	17½	...	...	...	...
176	87	Holders Tech▲	176	...	...	4.3	23.0
52	30	Hopkinsons	49	...	0.9	2.3	37.1
175	133	Hornby▲	174	...	...	6.5	16.4
88	54½	Howden	83	...	2.2	3.3	15.3
260	173	Hunting	239	-1	...	5.2	20.2
503	269½	Huntigh Tec▲	475	-3	...	2.6	12.1
312	247	IMI	292	+2	...	4.3	25.9
119	90	ISA Intl	115 †	-½	1.5	1.7	17.9
205	139	Intercare Gp▲	143	...	...	2.4	15.1
286	235	Isotron	280	...	4.3	1.9	∞
665	360	Jardine Math	665	+22	...	1.9	24.3
537	425	Johnson Matth	500	+1	...	2.6	21.9
64	36½	Johnson & FB	42	...	3.0	8.9	13.0
177	104	Johnston	146 †	-1	3.2	...	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	25	...	...	...	...
35	18	Jourdan (T)	31	...	0.7	3.1	...
178	73	Kalon	168½	...	...	2.6	23.4
297	195	Kelsey Ind	250	...	8.0	4.0	...
613	465	Kershaw (A)	613	+8	27.0	5.5	31.8
236	75	Kleeneze	225	+2	...	...	...
151	61	LGW▲	143	...	3.4	3.0	11.9
351	266	Laird	338	-1	...	3.9	16.6
157½	103	Lilleshall	155	...	...	3.5	20.4
223	97	Lincat▲	204	...	...	3.7	14.4
24	4½	Lincoln Hse▲	22	...	...	...	18.1
128	76	Linread	109	...	3.8	4.4	16.8
280	170	Linton Park	255	...	...	6.9	9.2
15½	9½	Lionheart	11½	+½	0.2	2.1	...
22½	15	Locker (T) A	20	...	1.0	6.2	29.1
274	140	Lon Ind	165	-3	9.4	7.2	12.6
135	70	Lonrho	130	+½	...	3.8	...
388	269	Low & Bonar	354	...	...	3.3	49.6
340	254	MB-Caradon	328	-1	...	3.3	26.5
168½	128	-do- pf	165	+½	7.2	5.5	...
41	14½	ML Hldgs	40	...	...	...	...
48	27	MS Intl	47	...	...	6.6	48.4
59	39	MY Holdings	55	...	...	2.9	∞
216	168	Macfarlane	200	...	...	2.1	22.7
460	379	McKechnie	429 †	+2	14.7	4.3	∞
106	85	McLeod Russel	105	...	6.0	7.1	12.8
4½	2	Maddox	2¼	...	...	...	...
106	63	Magnolia	100	...	0.1	0.1	16.1
119	71	Mang Bronze	114 †	+1	2.5	2.7	∞
25½	19½	Marling	25	+1	...	3.4	...
206	124	Mayborn▲	205	...	...	3.2	15.7
62	29	Mayflower	55	...	...	1.0	45.9
236	85	Medeva	114	...	...	2.6	9.3
118	88	Meggitt	97	-2	...	4.9	16.5
125	98	Metalr	115	...	...	4.1	18.8
154	136	Metrotect	153	...	...	2.6	21.3
98	70	Metsec▲	98	...	...	...	...
90	29	Midstates	89	+1	...	1.1	12.4
26½	14	Mining & Ald	26	...	0.5	2.4	...
515	368	Molins	512	+2	...	3.5	12.3
345	262	Morgan Cble	322½	+3½	...	4.9	16.9
184	134	Morris Ashby▲	177	...	...	3.8	13.4
38	18	Neepsend	37	...	1.0	3.4	48.0
73	34	Nestor-BNA	62	+1	3.1	6.4	14.8
192	122	Nobo Gp	192	+1	4.8	3.1	19.0
181	122½	Norcros	164	...	...	5.3	24.0
51	35	Novo Group	38	...	...	4.3	12.2
413	310	Nu-Swift	370	...	...	...	∞
81	36	Office Elec Mac	63	...	0.1	0.2	...
43½	21	OMI Intl	43½	+½	...	5.0	...
162	123	PCT▲	161	+6	...	5.6	18.3
76	36	Pacer Systems▲	73	+1	...	5.9	...
138	87½	Pentland	100	...	...	3.3	13.6
395	290	Photo-Me	340	...	4.6	1.7	22.0
165	97½	Pilkington	146	-1	...	3.4	...
87	68	Plantsbrook	86	...	3.1	4.5	13.6
154	125	Polypipe	146	-1	2.1	1.8	∞
42	17	Porter Chadbrn	19	...	...	8.2	8.7
14½	5½	Porth Gp▲	11½	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	349	...	...	2.2	19.2
20½	16½	Prospect Inds	20	+½	0.7	4.7	10.0
65	33½	RPS Group▲	64	...	2.3	4.5	14.1
95	73	Radiant Metal	85	...	...	...	...
185	77	Ransco Oil▲	165	+10	...	0.8	55.2
853	636	Rank Org	847	+6	31.0	4.6	23.2
33	15	Ransomes	16	-1	...	...	...
681	532	Reckitt Colm	681	+6	...	3.1	15.7
77	50	Record	70	...	3.6	6.4	34.4
7½	2½	Reece	4½	...	...	...	...
269	131	Relyon	262	-1	5.0	2.4	31.4
305	208	Renishaw	290	+5	...	2.8	34.5
110	55	Renold	109	...	...	1.1	...
1666	1240	Reuters	1662	+28	22.1	1.7	27.5
71	24½	Rexmore	71	+4	1.7	3.1	...
188	91	Ricardo Group	177	-3	...	4.0	25.1
76	58	Richard (Leics)	74	...	3.7	6.3	...
98	63	Richardson West	82	...	3.0	4.6	21.0
142	109	Ropner	134	...	8.2	7.7	19.0
136	97	-do- 'A'	126	...	8.2	8.2	17.9
38	23	Ross Gp	25 †	...	0.6	3.3	10.2
184	131½	Rotork	175	...	...	2.7	20.5
162	89	Rubicon	162	+1	...	3.3	22.7
66	43	Russell (A)	62	...	...	1.0	...
29	15	SEP Indl	27½	...	...	3.4	25.2
1087½	625	SKF 'B'	1050	...	...	...	...
60½	39	Saville Grdn (J)	60½	+½	...	4.5	30.1
248	205	Scapa	214	...	...	3.3	16.3
238	192	Scholl	202	...	...	3.9	14.7
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5	...	...	...	...
1095	917	Securicor	1095	+2	2.6	0.3	41.7
817	562	-do- 'A'	817	+4	2.6	0.4	31.1
725	468	Security Serv	725	+2	5.1	0.9	35.9
125	77	Senior Eng	125	...	...	3.2	20.9
301	278	Seton Health	323	...	...	2.3	19.0
68	42	Sheldon Jones▲	63	...	...	...	...
166	88	Shiloh	145 †	...	3.0	2.6	15.6
344	281	Sidlaw	323	...	...	4.1	20.7
561	427	Siebe	554	+7	...	2.3	20.5
383	220	Silentnight	359 †	+2	...	2.8	19.4
144	102	Sime Darby	141	...	...	3.8	∞
142	32	Simon Eng	86	...	...	...	...
259	182	Sinclair (Wm)	183	...	...	4.8	14.2
47	36	Six Hundred	44	...	...	5.0	...
164	137½	Smith & Neph	142	-1½	...	4.1	15.8
513	389	Smithkline	413	-7	9.6	2.9	14.8
450	340	Smthkline Uts	372	-5	...	3.3	12.5
413	320	Smiths Ind	407 †	+1½	...	3.6	16.5
140	58	Stim Bus	82	...	3.5	5.3	7.8
462	265	Spandex▲	461 †	-1	...	1.8	20.5
660	300	Spear (JW)	660	...	4.5	0.9	12.4
376	314	Spirax-Sarco	369	+2	...	3.2	23.2
145	44	Spring Ram	57½	+2	...	0.5	19.1
270	221	Staveley	225	+1	...	4.7	12.7
164	126	Sterling Ind	164	+1	...	4.3	25.1
179	97	Suter	179	-1	9.0	6.4	18.3
477	344	Swire Pacific 'A'	476	+28	...	1.9	∞
7	3	Sycamore	3½	...	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	55	...	...	7.2	10.3
153	120	Sylone	153	...	...	3.9	20.3
374	279	TI	342	-5	...	4.0	23.4
32	12	TLS Range▲	29	...	...	1.1	...
320	211	TT Group	317	-1	...	2.6	19.5
237	208	Takare	218 †	...	...	1.0	19.0
868	618	Takeda Chem	811	-6	...	0.8	15.4
68	24	Tex Hldgs	67	-1	...	...	...
109	70	Tinsley (E)▲	101	...	...	6.7	15.6
240	150	Timm▲	240	...	...	1.9	20.9
271	212½	Tomkins	246	-4	...	3.2	18.1
112	67	Trafalgar H	97½	...	...	4.1	7.1
116	69	Transfer Tech	100	...	3.2	4.0	12.6
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	169	...	...	5.2	20.3
275	214	UniChem	265	-1	6.4	3.0	17.4
375	275½	Unidare	365	...	...	5.4	19.3
76	11½	Unigroup	31	...	...	...	...
1249	938	Unilever	1166	-15	21.3	2.3	15.9
8112½	6362½	Unilever (NV)	7712½	+21½	...	2.7	12.7
915	513	VSEL	835	+2	...	4.2	9.2
12½	6½	Verson	11¼	...	...	...	...
164	95½	Vickers	141	...	...	2.0	...
367	243	Vicaulic	278	+1	...	3.5	13.7
452	283	Vinten	452 †	+3	...	2.0	21.0
694	427	Vosper Thorny	679	...	...	2.9	16.4
48	41	WEP Hldgs	43	...	...	7.8	11.2
468	368	Wagon Ind	444	-1	...	4.9	19.6
98	71	Walker Greenbk	96	+2	3.1	4.0	24.5
258	201	Wassall	250	...	2.7	1.4	25.2
42	22	Watford Wdgwd	39	...	...	...	...
384	291	Weir	306	-1	...	2.5	17.3
993	600	Wellcome	675	-15	17.3	3.3	∞
23½	18	Wellman	19½	...	0.9	5.8	31.8
354	260	West Hlneare	352	-1	...	1.3	∞
510	460	Whatman	484	...	9.7	2.5	16.4
353	224	Whessoe	259	...	...	3.9	10.1
73	27	Whitecroft	73	+1	...	...	...
8½	4½	Whitney	8½	...	...	...	...
130	44	Wilkes (James)	126	...	3.5	...	36.9
365	295½	Williams Hldg	333	-5	12.5	4.7	17.4
40	17	Wilshaw	40	...	...	1.6	25.2
711	533	Wolseley	705	...	13.5	2.4	∞
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
46	35	Wyko	36	...	...	3.5	...
59	38	Young (H)	52	...	3.0	7.2	19.1

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993¼	1268½	Alex & Alex	1387½	+12½	...	4.8	...
2409½	1787½	Am Gen	1975	-12½	...	3.7	...
63	30	Archer (AJ)	62	...	2.7	5.4	30.2
183	133	Berry Bch Nble	158 †	+5	...	4.3	12.2
148	118	Bradstock	137	...	5.2	4.7	16.9
498	359½	Britannic	463	...	...	3.1	...
667	556	Com Union	644	-7	...	4.7	...
1750	1325	Dom & Gen	1748	...	...	1.6	23.1
48	18	FAI	48	+2	...	...	...
741	546	Gen Accident	719	-5	26.7	4.7	...
230	160	GRE	213	-1	7.1	4.2	17.7
412	293	Heath C E	408	...	...	4.9	...
228	160	Hogg Gp	165	...	8.1	6.3	14.7
215	162	JIB Group	174	-1	...	5.4	17.8
543	408½	Legal & Gen	516	-9	...	4.7	31.3
1092	768	Liberty Life	1023	+12	...	10.3	19.9
468	403	Lloyds Abbey	460	-4	17.3	4.7	16.5
338	253	Lloyd Thomp	301	...	6.7	2.8	18.7
388	274	Londn & Man	373	...	14.7	4.9	27.5
443	321	Lowndes Lmb	432	+1	13.5	3.9	15.5
6743½	5456½	Marsh McLn	5487½	-12½	...	3.3	...
130	76	Oriel	118	-2	...	5.4	...
72	50½	PWS	70	...	4.0	7.1	10.2
373	282½	Prudential	367½	+½	...	4.2	24.4
1138	800	Refuge	1023	...	32.2	3.9	28.3
347	248	Royal	316	...	...	2.6	...
204	150	Sedgwick	184	-1	...	4.1	22.7
261	119	Steel Burrill	150	-3	...	10.0	8.9
89	48	Sturge Hldgs	85	...	6.5	9.6	8.6
400	307	Sun Alliance	368	-1	14.2	4.8	...
76	50	Trade Indemnty	75	...	...	...	...
332	239	Transatlantic	316	...	12.0	4.7	29.3
773	499	Utd Friendly	608	...	15.1	3.0	27.8
242	171	Willis Corroon	211	-1	...	3.9	45.3
21	13½	Windsor	19	...	...	...	14.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1846	1548	Alliance	1825	-10	45.5	3.1	39.9
283½	226½	Amer Trust	278	-3½	5.2	2.3	57.7
426	304	Ang & O'seas	415	-4	6.8	2.1	52.7
156	124	BZW Conv	147½	-3	7.8	6.6	∞
188½	133½	Bankers	184½	-½	3.6	2.5	50.7
328	264	Baring Tribne	325	-3	6.4	2.5	51.4
203	131	Berry Starq	203	...	2.2	1.4	66.0
110	96½	Br Assets	105½	-1½	4.2	5.1	∞
83½	57½	Br Empire Sec	83	-½	0.8	1.3	...
30	14	-do- Wnts	30	...	...	...	...
203	156	Br Inv	202	-1	4.5	2.8	45.5
197	130	Contl Asset	194½	-2½	2.4	1.5	64.7
195	143	Derby Inc	150	...	...	11.9	9.0
290	195	-do- Cap	278	-5	...	...	...
87	62	Drayton Blue	84	-1	8.4	12.5	9.3
85	35	-do- Eng Intl	80	...	1.2	1.9	...
134	84	-do- Far East	132	-1	0.6	0.6	...
122	95	-do- Korea	121½	+2½	0.5	0.5	...
688	576	Dunedin Inc G	679	-2	...	4.7	31.2
100	85	-do- Japan	85½	-½	...	...	...
55	38	-do- Warrants	41½	-½	...	...	...
729	513	-do- Wwde	718	-3	9.5	1.7	74.0
292	222	Dundee & Lon	290	...	...	3.9	26.8
308	250½	Edinburgh	303 †	+½	8.5	3.5	33.2
291	183	Electra Inv	289	...	6.8	3.0	39.4
191	141	Electric Gen	188	...	3.1	2.1	58.6
114	85	English Scot	114	...	...	...	...
310	205	European Asset	307	-2	...	2.3	39.9
133	77	Finsbury 'A'	132	...	3.0	2.8	42.5
307	248	Fleming Amer	302	-4	0.8	0.4	...
219	190½	-do- Claver	215	...	...	3.1	42.4
340	212	Do Contl	337	-1	2.7	1.0	...
202	147	-do- Entp	200	...	...	2.9	40.4
362	213	-do- F East	359	-1	1.1	0.4	...
328	246	-do- Fledg	328	...	3.0	1.1	...
118	93	-do- Hi Inc	104	...	...	5.3	17.8
280	136	-do- Japan	218 †	-4½	0.4	0.3	∞
291	250	-do- Merc	288	-2	6.7	2.9	61.6
307	212	-do- Oseas	299	-3	4.2	1.8	62.6
273	203	Foreign & Col	266	-2	...	1.6	72.2
121	56½	-do- Emg Mkts	107	-11	0.2	0.3	...
67	44	-do- Enterprise	67	...	0.4	0.8	...
233	164	-do- Eurotst	229	-2	1.2	0.7	...
131	87	-do- German	128	-2	0.5	0.5	...
319	191	-do- Pacific	318	...	...	0.8	...
167½	116	-do- Smaller	167½	+½	1.8	1.4	...
272	145	GT Japan	227	-6	...	0.7	...
165	65	Genl Cons Cap	162	-2	...	...	...
123½	96½	-do- Inc	114	-1	...	9.3	11.8
165	115	Govett Am Smlr	158	...	...	...	...
116	94	-do- Emg Mkts	115	-1	...	...	...
343	184	-do- Oriental	342 †	+1½	0.9	0.3	...
286	207	-do- Strategy	281	...	6.7	3.0	∞
407	340	Greenfriar	407	...	...	2.0	61.1
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
143	124	Inv Cap	141	...	5.1	4.6	∞
97	77	I&S UK Smllr	92	...	2.8	3.8	25.7
209	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	207½	-½	5.0	3.0	40.4
250	178	-do- O'seas	244	-2	5.3	1.7	69.3
142	108	-do- Smlr	142	...	...	3.1	34.4
690	540	Law Debenture	684	-4	18.5	3.4	34.2
202	104	Majedie	202	...	5.0	3.1	∞
282½	221	Merchants	278½	-½	...	4.0	25.9
6667½	3700	Merrill Lynch	6625 †	+131½	...	...	...
521	385	Monks Inv Tst	516	-3	...	1.6	65.4
141	105	Merg Gren Inc	135	-2	...	3.3	26.8
54	23	Do Warrants	51	...	...	...	...
60	39	Murray Euro	57	...	0.1	0.4	...
27½	4½	Do Wts	21½	...	...	...	...
362	282	Murray Income	353	-1	10.9	3.9	33.7
361	265	-do- Intl	354	...	11.6	4.1	31.9
408	263	-do- Small	408	+1	...	1.3	...
103	92	-do- S/C Inc	92 †	-½	...	14.4	∞
135	75	-do- S/C Cap	121	-2	...	...	...
3150	2750	-do- S/C Uts	3150 †	-2½	...	4.2	∞
158½	142½	-do- S/C DP	156	+½	...	...	...
315	230	-do- Vent	309	...	...	4.4	35.0
93	68	Nwthrog Inc	93	...	6.7	9.2	17.2
346	249	O'seas Inv Tst	342	-2	3.1	1.2	∞
481	285	Pacific Assets	480	+5	1.1	0.3	...
385	187	Do Warrants	384	+5	...	...	...
8300	7850	Personal Assets	8250	...	17.0	2.6	69.3
170	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	168	+1	1.1	0.9	...
137	108	River & Merc	128	...	9.2	9.1	12.6
465	350	Robeco	425	...	...	3.0	...
435	346	Rolinco	427	...	...	1.8	...
283	214	St Andrew Inv	283	+2	7.5	3.3	38.1
160½	131	Scot American	158	-2	...	3.7	33.2
283	176	Scott Asian	283	+7	...	...	...
785	225	do Warrants	785	+30	...	...	...
83	63½	-do- Eastern	80¼	-1	1.5	2.4	33.0
231	183	Scottish	223	-2	4.6	2.6	46.2
239½	178	-do- Mtge	226 †	-2	4.0	2.2	38.6
101	71	-do- Value	100	-1	...	2.3	71.2
1648	1390	Second Allnce	1627	-11	...	3.0	40.9
93½	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	90½	-1	3.2	4.5	28.9
163	107½	Selective Asset	162½	...	1.2	0.9	58.4
38	14	Sphere Inv	35½	-1	3.1	10.9	11.5
166	112	TR Far East	166	+1	...	3.8	39.1
154	126	TR City Of Lon	150½	-1	...	4.0	32.8
183	110	TR Pacific	182	+1	0.3	0.2	...
36½	17	TR Property	36½	...	0.9	3.1	38.0
120	47	TR Tech Inv	114	-3	1.7	1.9	42.3
199	146	TR Smlr Cos	195½	-½	...	2.4	45.2
360	283	Temple Bar	359	...	13.2	4.6	27.1
109	69	Thrmtn Asian E	109	+3	0.5	0.6	...
79	54	Throgmorton	77	...	2.3	3.7	31.4
550	363	Throg Dual Cp	525	...	...	...	...
242	178	USDC Invest	242	...	4.5	2.3	44.5
114	76½	Value Inc Tst	113	...	3.4	3.9	27.9
773	542	Whitbread Inv	752	...	16.5	2.7	45.3
225	181	Witan	218	-2½	5.6	3.2	38.2

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
455	289	Airtours	453	-1	7.7	2.1	16.0
64	42	Ald Leis	54	...	3.0	6.9	∞
379	194	Anglia TV	379	+2	...	3.1	17.6
103	63	Baldwin	88	...	4.6	6.5	11.9
252	192	Barr & W 'A'	246	+4	10.0	5.1	15.9
1265	930	Boosey Hwks	1145	...	22.0	2.4	17.2
153	90	Border TV▲	138	...	...	3.0	12.4
16½	4½	Brent Walker	5	...	...	...	...
80	48	Bristol Scots	74	...	...	...	...
9	2½	Buckingham Int	7	-½	...	...	...
292	78	Campari	79	...	8.7	13.8	...
231	171	Capital Radio	231	...	5.3	2.9	26.7
818	718	Carlton Comm	766	-1	17.7	2.9	22.6
213	158	Castle Comm▲	213	+2	...	5.1	∞
2108	1615	Central TV	2033	...	39.0	2.4	22.1
124	61	Chrysalis	114	+1	...	...	...
590	470	Compass Gp	520	+5	...	2.9	17.1
350	175	Eurocamp	230	...	9.7	5.3	9.5
1180	550	Euro Disney	575	+2	...	2.0	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	3½	...	...	...	...
38½	18	Ex-Lands	35	...	...	1.3	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	313	...	10.5	4.2	...
378	286	First Leisure	278	-1	6.2	2.8	19.2
598	298	GWR Gp▲	578	...	...	1.7	29.7
246	149	Grampian	241	...	6.1	3.2	16.7
22	4½	Greenwich Comm▲	22	+3	...	...	...
95	19	HTV Group	87	+1	...	...	38.6
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	64	...	...	4.4	...
12½	5½	Kunick	9½	...	...	...	...
505	405	LWT Hldgs	475	+2	...	1.3	22.0
600	327	Man Utd	570	+10	19.5	4.3	∞
148	59	Owners Abrd	88	...	3.9	5.6	7.1
76	33	The Pelican Gp	76	...	...	1.8	17.8
160	55	Prism Leisure▲	158	...	...	2.6	14.7
42	16	Quadrant Grp	38	...	...	...	...
327	274	Radio Clyde▲	322	...	...	3.3	25.2
208	132	Ramsdens (H)	199	...	...	2.8	26.4
553	410	Scot TV	429	+1	10.3	3.0	21.1
65	37	Southern Radio	58	+1	0.7	1.7	24.2
260	168	Stanley Leisure	249	+20	4.3	2.2	19.6
10	5½	Sunleigh ▲	8½	...	...	...	...
145	115	Sunset & Vine	129 †	+1	3.5	3.4	∞
420	345½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.5	18.9
2½	1	Ticketing▲	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	108	...	...	...	3.5
78	44	Trans World▲	58	-1	...	1.7	21.2
499	274	Ulster TV	475	...	12.0	3.2	14.6
109	62	Vardon	105	...	0.8	1.0	24.8
22	11	Wembley	18	...	...	...	...
48	7½	Whitegate	43	-1	...	...	...
234	110	Yorkshire TV	174	-6	12.0	8.6	5.3
120	83	Zetters Gp	116	...	8.0	8.6	13.1

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5700	1800	Am Gold	5200	-9½	...	4.2	26.4
1625	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1587½	-12½	...	5.7	8.4
2300	1125	Ang Am	2225	+12½	...	3.1	19.4
32	8½	Anglo Pac Res▲	30½	...	...	...	...
138	33	Blyvoors	135	...	...	...	...
46	18	Bracken	43 †	-3	...	...	∞
871	233	Buffels	719	-4	...	8.8	6.5
2½	1	Bum	2	...	...	...	...
748	546	CRA	748	+22	...	2.7	25.7
43½	11	Cluff Res	28½	+1½	...	...	...
1400½	762½	De Beers	1343½	+6½	...	3.6	18.4
165	37½	Deelkraal	118	...	...	1.7	13.6
96	7	Doornfontein	70	+1	...	...	...
913	388	Driefontein	752	-30	...	3.9	14.9
709	120	Durban	592	+4	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	150	+7	...	7.1	4.7
220	54	E Rand Prop	144	+1	...	...	...
65	16	Eastern Trans	55	...	...	4.3	11.8
604	117	Elandsrand	452	-10	...	2.6	11.1
939	292	FS Cons	930	-3	...	5.1	12.2
80	8	FS Dev	64	+2	...	...	...
1675	725	GFSA	1362	-36	...	2.9	23.5
180	125	Gencor	148 †	+1½	...	5.9	∞
64½	39½	GM Kalgoorli	50	+1½	...	2.7	20.4
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	15¼	-½	...	...	...
187	49	Grootvlei	118	-3	...	8.6	7.3
380	78	Harmony	321	+5	...	...	...
425	87	Hartles	355	+2	...	5.4	14.1
16½	8½	Inoco▲	16½	+1	...	...	...
1010	491	Impala Plat	752	+13	...	3.7	25.9
13½	6	Kenmare Res▲	9½	+½	...	...	...
1080	332	Kinross	965 †	-10	...	5.9	∞
913	319	Kloof	668	-9	...	3.2	9.4
137	25	Leslie	107 †	-6	...	9.7	∞
238	13	Loraine	223	-2	...	...	...
950	620	Lydenburg	950	...	...	2.1	∞
116½	80	MIM	93½	+1	...	2.4	45.4
1266	830	Minorco	1208	-1	...	3.2	14.2
146	91	Nth Brkn Hill	146	+7½	...	3.3	24.0
2400	612½	Orange Free	2387½	+12½	...	5.3	19.4
746	607	RTZ	681	-2	...	5.1	18.9
637½	425	Rand Mines	568½	...	...	7.6	∞
671	150	Randfontein	587	+2	...	4.8	8.8
192	115	Renison	167	-5	...	2.6	17.3
1200	850	Rustnbrg	1087½	+25	...	3.0	∞
649	191	St Helena	647	+17	...	3.7	13.8
2168	475	Southvaal	1970	+10	...	2.8	36.0
119	18	Stilfontein	74	...	...	8.4	13.4
201	58	Unisel	107 †	-6	...	6.2	∞
6075	1800	Vaal Reefs	5675	-25	...	3.8	10.3
625	154	Welkom	613	-1	...	5.3	19.3
578	26	Western Areas	578	+3	...	0.8	18.5
2525	587½	Western Deep	2500	-12½	...	2.4	12.2
283	176	Wstrn Mining	250	+2	...	1.9	∞
1029	323	Winkels	830 †	-27	...	4.6	∞
84	56	Zambia Copper	66	...	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	54	...	...	5.6	18.3

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	238	...	...	...	...
135	95	Airflow Stream	125 †	+1	3.0	3.0	12.0
153	78	Appleyard	132	...	...	4.9	...
335	203	Bletchley Mtr	305	...	...	3.8	15.5
192	120	Bostrom	190	...	6.0	3.9	33.6
408	165	Br Aerospace	434	+8	7.3	2.1	...
52	19½	Burndene	48	...	...	3.0	12.8
388	303	Caffyns	378	...	11.5	3.8	76.5
15	4½	Caverdale	14	...	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr▲	134	...	...	3.7	34.1
29	18	Cook (DC)▲	25	+1	...	3.0	14.2
267	136	Cowie (T)	246	-2	6.6	3.4	18.7
141	86	Dag Motors	137	...	5.7	5.2	24.8
155	102½	Davnprt Vern	151	-1	...	3.3	19.1
330	155	ERF	325	...	2.0	0.8	...
145	92	European Mtr	136	...	...	3.2	19.1
405	208	Evans Halshaw	405	+2	11.4	3.5	62.4
290	223	FR Group	230 †	-½	...	3.9	10.7
4225	2843½	Ford Motor	4162½	-62½	...	...	...
3312½	2143½	General Mtr	3206½	-87½	...	1.7	...
75	38	Gowrings	56	...	2.0	4.5	...
247	85	Henlys	233	...	3.5	1.9	...
1024	650	Honda Motor	1002	+16	...	0.9	...
30	15	Jacks (Wm)	30	...	...	...	...
108	66	Jessups	98	-1	4.5	5.7	...
176	97	Kwik-Fit	175	-1	...	2.5	24.7
420	281	Lex Service	390	...	...	3.6	21.3
164	85	Lookers	150	...	6.2	5.2	...
175	126	Lucas	170	+1	...	5.1	...
27	21	Malaya Grp	27	...	...	...	...
284	224½	Pendragon	258	...	...	3.1	21.2
190	101½	Perry Gp	170	...	...	5.2	...
190	108	Quicks Group	166	...	...	3.6	21.2
160	96½	Rolls-Royce	152½	-½	...	4.1	...
223	164	T & N	181	+1	...	7.5	25.8
256	163	Trinity Hldgs	255	...	...	2.7	23.7
175	125	Vardy (Reg)	172	...	...	3.1	24.0
253	121	Westland	220	...	4.2	2.4	19.5

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
193	103	Adscene	190	...	5.0	3.3	19.4
360	315	Black (A&C)	350	...	13.5	4.8	14.4
608	290	Blenheim Gp	365	-3	...	3.2	13.6
370	275	Bristol	349	...	...	4.2	31.5
£102	7775	Daily Mail	9425	...	13.4	1.8	21.2
£101¼	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9375	...	13.4	1.8	21.1
355	251	Dorling Kind	349	...	3.3	1.2	∞
373	322	EMAP	339	...	...	2.9	20.9
1138	873	Euromoney Pb	1138	...	32.0	3.5	25.6
284	170	Harrington K	222	...	4.7	2.6	18.1
468	233	Haynes Pub	458	...	...	2.2	17.2
363	343	Hodder H'line	356	-2	5.1	1.8	30.3
140	99	Home Counts	115	...	5.2	5.7	...
151	30	Ind Bus Comm	138	...	...	...	20.0
14	6½	Int Cm & Data▲	12	...	...	...	...
395	240	Independent	380	...	...	3.3	20.5
580	395	Johnstne Press	570	...	6.5	1.4	24.7
323	243	Metal Bulletn	323	...	8.2	3.2	22.8
186	88	Mirror Gp	160	-1	...	...	...
515	297	News Corp	512	+1	...	0.3	...
301	169	News Intl	293	-2	...	0.6	18.0
577	354	Pearson	560	-3	...	2.7	30.4
675	510	Portsmth Sund	608	...	...	1.9	16.8
779	618	Reed Int	777	...	...	2.8	33.9
161	98	Southnews	161	...	...	1.6	29.8
171	90	Sterling Pub▲	167	...	...	2.2	18.4
423	328	Telegraph	377	-5	...	4.0	15.8
825	715	Thomson Corp	815	+10	...	1.9	40.7
395	315	Trinity Intl	345	-8	9.0	3.3	20.7
39	27	Unit Group▲	27	-2	...	...	...
593½	480½	Utd Newspaprs	539	-3	...	5.0	15.0

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	33½	...	...	...	32.6
61	37	Arcon Intl▲	39	...	...	...	...
71	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	65	...	...	...	...
83	26	Aviva Pet	73	...	...	...	...
16	9	Beverley	9½	-½	...	...	...
217	145	Br Borneo	214	+1	7.1	4.1	6.5
348	226	British Gas	340½	-5	14.2	5.2	16.5
352½	275	Br Petroleum	352½	+3	8.4	3.0	27.7
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
821	675	Burmah Castrl	772	-3	...	5.3	18.0
68	32	Cairn Energy	61	...	...	...	8.7
300	223	Calor Gp	297	+1	...	5.2	15.9
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	47	-1	...	...	...
44	27	Coplex Res	39½	-½	...	...	...
27½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	17	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	484	...	19.0	4.9	26.6
88	32	Exp Co Louis	37	+1	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairfaxon Intl	24	...	...	2.2	8.7
10½	4	Fortune	4½	...	...	...	...
67	45	Goal Pet	63	...	1.4	2.8	12.1
48	18	Gt Western Res	42	...	...	...	...
181	104½	Hardy O & G	172	...	...	0.7	16.0
46	18½	Kelt Energy	41	...	...	...	...
195	128	LASMO	143	-1½	...	2.9	29.0
103	63	-do- Units	73	...	9.4	16.2	...
24	5½	Mid Scot Res▲	5½	-½	...	...	...
56	34	Monument	54½	-½	...	...	...
9½	4	New London	4½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	28	+1	1.0	4.5	9.7
38	27	Oil Search	38	+4	...	...	...
19½	11½	Petroz	17	...	...	...	...
144	99	Pict Pet	142	...	...	...	...
29½	18	Premier	26½	...	...	...	9.7
115	50	Presidio	115	...	...	5.9	...
393	290	Ranger	370	...	...	4.4	...
7187½	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	7137½	+35	...	4.3	17.7
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4262½	+62½	...	1.9	...
67	47	Seafield	58	+3	...	...	...
713	515	Shell	711½	+½	22.8	4.0	21.9
205	173	Sunrise Eng Sv	176	...	...	...	...
41	16	Triton Europe	17	...	...	...	...
15½	6	Villers Grp	14	...	...	...	...
208	135	Woodside	208	+1	...	1.7	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	120	AG Holdings	144	...	...	4.6	13.0
353	249	API	352	...	8.2	2.9	30.7
229	144	Arjo Wiggins	224	-1	...	3.6	36.2
543	408	Abbott Mead	540	...	9.5	2.2	28.4
40	13	Argls Gp	21	...	...	...	...
212	118	Aspen Comm▲	129	...	...	4.7	11.7
15½	7	BBB Design▲	15½	...	...	...	...
409	234½	Bemrose	390	+1	...	3.8	17.1
30½	7½	Birkdale	8	...	...	...	...
155	118	Bunzl	142	...	4.0	3.5	21.4
344	257	CIA Gp	344	...	...	1.6	21.7
230	93	Capital Inds	180	+3	...	2.5	17.2
79	44	City of Lon▲	76	...	...	6.3	14.0
292	169	Cropper (James)	292	...	3.1	1.3	28.2
6	6	Crown Com▲	6 #	...	...	...	...
95	51	Delyn Group	88	...	1.6	2.4	11.8
120	94	Dolphin Pack	118	...	4.5	4.8	29.1
97	42	Dudley Jenkins▲	74	-1	...	5.2	16.8
15½	10½	Elswick	11	...	...	3.4	12.3
73	41	Fairway Group▲	71	+6	3.2	5.7	20.9
346	271	Ferguson Intl	342 †	+½	...	4.6	15.5
110	92	Ferry Pick	110	...	...	6.4	29.7
152	74	Filofax▲	145	...	...	1.1	18.7
20	11	Fitch	13½	...	...	...	...
130	69	Gibbon Lyons▲	129	...	...	4.8	14.6
295	208	Gold Greenless	208	...	8.3	5.0	14.8
41	19	Goodhead	20	+1	0.5	3.1	...
88	35	Hunterprint	37	...	...	...	...
185	136	Intereurope	169	-1	...	5.8	12.4
271	191	Jarvis Porter	269	-1	...	2.2	25.1
32	15½	Lopex	25	...	...	...	...
38½	26	MMI	35	...	...	...	...
344	175	More O'Ferrall	344	...	13.2	4.8	41.2
133	48	NMC Group	115	+6	2.0	2.2	17.8
173	66	Osborne & Little	172	...	...	3.3	18.9
525	455	Portals	501	...	...	3.7	17.1
3½	¼	Premier Hlth	2½	...	...	...	...
288	199	Quarto	283	...	...	2.5	17.4
347	282	St Ives Gp	282	-7	5.5	2.4	∞
186	142½	Saatchi	184	...	...	...	...
474	292	Sappi	327	...	...	10.0	6.2
32	11½	Serif▲	28½	...	...	...	...
32½	14	Shandwick	25½	+½	...	...	...
397	294	Smith David	353	...	...	3.5	18.5
295	206	Smurfit (Jeff)	224	-2	...	1.9	5.4
70	45	Sonic	66	...	1.5	2.8	27.1
246	183	Sta-Plus	211	...	8.4	5.0	18.8
28½	16½	Taylor Nelson	28½	...	0.3	1.5	23.8
83	38	VTR▲	82	...	...	5.2	23.4
106	40	WPP	99	...	...	1.3	3.7
179	62	Wace	177	...	...	0.7	...
265	203	Waddington (J)	258	...	...	3.8	19.3
410	270	Watmough	408 †	...	...	1.8	32.0
7	4½	Westport▲	5	...	...	...	...
34	12	Whitney Mcks▲	19	...	...	...	...
87	55	Wood (SW)	78	...	...	2.0	16.7

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
116	41	Allied Lon	113 †	+2½	...	3.9	29.3
63	58	Arcadian	60 #	...	...	...	...
16½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	4½	...	...	...	...
132	52	Asda	132	...	...	2.0	13.9
152	88	Avonside	143	...	4.1	3.6	20.0
2637½	2062½	BCE▲	2362½	...	...	...	...
670	396	Bilton	669	-1	18.9	3.5	24.2
110	23	Bourne End	97 #	...	1.0	1.3	...
236	150	Bradford	235	...	5.8	3.2	23.5
23	5	Bredero	16	...	...	...	...
427	166½	Br Land	406	+5	...	2.2	37.0
248	140½	Brixton	239	...	...	4.4	18.9
88	42	Burford	88	...	...	1.8	...
187	99	Cap & Regnl▲	184	...	...	0.9	...
230	120	Cardiff Prop	230	...	2.4	1.3	...
589	196	Chesterfield	589	+6	11.5	2.5	41.9
43	12	City Site Ests	38	...	...	...	...
28	12	Clarke Nickolls	27	...	...	...	...
548	300	Compco	300	...	12.9	5.6	65.2
53	34	Conrad Rtblat GS	45	...	...	...	...
1355	818	Daejan	1350	+2	...	2.5	16.7
3½	1½	Dares Estates	2	...	...	...	...
129	53	Debenhm Twsn	112	...	...	3.3	21.8
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
177½	76	Dencora	177½	...	3.0	2.1	...
635	263	Derwent Hldgs	633	...	8.7	1.7	78.9
45	10	Development Sec	39½	+½	...	...	...
58	25	Dwyer	57	...	...	...	...
381	170	Estates Agency	380	...	1.0	0.3	34.8
27	7½	Estates Gen	21	...	...	...	...
215	132	Evans Of Leeds	213	...	...	2.7	18.8
35½	11	Five Oaks	34	...	...	...	...
64	30	Fletcher King	63	...	1.0	2.0	41.7
487	276½	Frogmore	486	...	...	4.1	23.4
200	97	Grainger	193	...	5.2	3.4	43.1
233	116½	Gt Portland	226	-2	...	4.4	21.6
33	7½	Greycoat	25½	-1½	...	...	...
192	101	HK Land	192	+11	...	3.3	25.3
84	35	Hambro Cntyw	73	...	0.5	0.9	...
427	257½	Hammerson	408	-2	10.0	3.1	41.3
663	245	-do- 'A'	366	-3	10.0	3.4	37.0
279	127	Helical Bar	279	+1	...	2.2	10.0
37	19	Hemingway	36½	+½	...	...	...
132	56	Hertng Baker	61	...	3.7	7.7	15.3
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
740	435	Land Sec	732	-5	22.8	3.9	22.1
111	73	Lon Merch Sec	109	...	4.0	4.6	16.9
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3½	...	...	...	...
537	315½	MEPC	533	-3	...	4.7	22.9
9	5	McInerney A	7½	...	...	...	...
145	90	McKay Secs	145	...	3.5	3.0	19.9
7½	3	Markheath	4½	...	...	...	...
74	12	Merivale Mre	67	-2	...	...	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
48	29	Moorfield Est	46	...	...	...	...
1300	775	Mountview	1200	...	20.0	2.1	11.9
169	112	Mucklow (A&J)	168 †	+2	...	4.5	26.2
46	30	Olives Prop	40	+3	...	...	...
10½	3½	Ossory Est	5	...	...	...	1.5
172	88	PSIT	168	...	4.1	3.1	33.3
352	138	Peel	352	+2	4.0	1.4	...
16	5	Power Corp	6½	+½	...	...	...
48	22	Property Trust	37	...	...	...	10.6
75	42	Raglan	43	...	...	...	...
28	11	Regalian	23	+½	...	...	...
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	125	...	1.5	1.5	33.2
50	16	St Modwen Prp	47	-1	0.9	2.4	35.8
76	39	Savills	74½	+½	...	1.7	29.5
113	34	Scot Met	105	-2	1.5	1.8	...
117	39	Shaftesbury	117	+2	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	11	...	...	...	5.8
272	139½	Slough Estates	258	-1	...	3.9	18.0
85	56	Southend Prop	56	...	...	3.5	...
39	16	Stanhope Prps▲	36	...	...	...	...
224	114	Tops Ests	223	...	2.1	1.2	79.5
137	79	Town Centre	135	...	3.4	3.2	∞
93	43	Trafford Park	89	...	...	3.9	20.5
56	17	UK Land	32	...	...	...	...
12	4	Union Square	8	...	...	...	...
268	180	Warner	267	...	10.4	4.9	24.4
219	168	Warnford	212	-5	7.5	4.4	15.5
8	2	Waterglade	2½	...	...	...	...
91	34	Wates	91	...	...	...	...
76	40	Wood John D▲	72	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagica▲	13	...	...	...	...
183	84	Headlam	178	...	...	2.1	40.2
500	315	Lambert	355	...	13.2	4.7	8.7
100	44	Pittards	56	-1	1.5	3.3	16.0
30	20	Strong & Fisher	23	...	1.0	5.4	6.4
210	89	Stylo	210	...	...	1.8	...
66	53	UK Safety	63 †	...	...	5.2	2.1

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
516	408	Allied Text	514	+11	12.7	3.1	16.5
69	54	Beckman (A)	58	...	3.5	7.7	∞
41	21	Bolton Gp	33	...	...	...	∞
170	141	Br Mohair	168	+3	8.5	6.3	15.7
53	15	Chartwell▲	40	...	...	...	...
364	298	Claremont Ga	347	...	7.5	2.7	21.7
601	522	Courtauld Text	572	+2	13.9	3.0	15.7
53½	24½	Cupid▲	28	...	...	...	...
248½	188	Dawson	191	-1	...	5.9	14.5
47	22	Drummond	41	...	...	...	...
82	65	Faupel▲	82	...	...	7.5	12.7
34	15	Foster (John)	19	...	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	119	...	4.2	4.5	...
223	156	Hicking Pntcst	220	...	...	2.3	17.1
90	65	Jerome (S)	63 †	...	...	0.4	...
419	249	Lamont	419 †	+5½	12.0	3.6	27.7
515	353½	Leeds	500	...	...	1.9	24.1
64	15	Lister	59	...	0.1	0.2	...
122	73	Lyles (S)	86	+1	...	4.8	...
209	89	Magellan	209	...	1.4	0.8	...
234	69	Parkland 'A'	216 †	...	3.0	1.7	...
102½	82	Readicut	99¼	-½	...	4.3	18.7
66	35	SEET	59	...	...	...	...
147	72	Sirdar	137	...	...	4.0	9.5
72	44	Stirling Gp	70	...	1.8	3.3	17.1
51	37	Stoddard	44	...	...	4.3	40.9
312	250	Tomkinsons	296	-1	11.5	4.9	25.5
62½	32½	West Trust	34	...	2.5	9.2	∞
217	126	Yorklyde	215 †	...	...	3.1	14.1

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	407	BAT	496	-3	...	4.8	14.0

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
517	349	Assoc Br Ports	496	-7	...	2.2	...
898	707	BAA	871	...	...	2.3	21.6
396	249	Br Airways	377	-1	...	3.5	18.2
110	56	Clarkson (H)	100	...	1.7	2.2	...
23	23	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	465	-1	...	...	...
82	44	Fisher (James)	80	...	0.5	0.8	21.5
211	147	IoM Steam	206	...	...	5.1	10.8
38	24	Jacobs (JI)	36	...	0.5	1.7	...
101	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	95	...	...	1.4	17.4
400	264	Mersey Docks	398	...	...	2.8	27.1
271	181	Natl Express	258	+1	...	3.4	26.7
284	230	NFC	274	-4	6.5	3.0	20.8
343	244	Ocean Group	338	...	...	5.3	...
73	40	Ocean Wilson	65 †	-1	4.0	7.7	11.8
676	504	P & O Dfd	565	+1	...	0.7	30.7
194	127	P & O 5 1/2%	188	-1	...	3.7	...
621	448	Powell Duffryn	613	-8	...	4.8	23.8
225	117	Seacon▲	225	...	...	3.0	14.2
163	112	Stagecoach	153	...	...	3.1	∞
81½	31½	TNT	81½	+4½	...	...	...
773	624	Tibbet & Britn	730	+2	12.6	2.2	28.0
382	93	Tiphook	105	-5	...	23.0	...
298	227	TDG	274	+1	...	4.3	9.1

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
565	455	Anglian Water	527	+6	...	5.0	10.7
347	244	Mid Kent Hldgs	347	...	...	3.8	12.8
688	547	Northumbrian	677	+4	...	4.2	7.0
587	431½	North West	538	+8	...	5.0	9.6
578	439	Severn Trent	548	+6	...	4.8	8.8
617	454	Sthrn Water	579	+5	...	4.6	9.6
1605	1225	Sth Staffs	1515	...	47.0	3.9	10.8
622	465	South West	586	-6	...	5.1	9.6
584	454	Thames Water	550	+6	...	5.0	10.6
671	506	Welsh Water	668	+10	...	4.4	6.7
693	536	Wessex Water	645	+8	...	4.2	9.7
593	473½	Yorkshire W	581	+8	...	4.7	9.5

Source: Firstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; § Ex all; ¶ Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.



BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
102	100	Treas 8½% 1994	100	-	8.44	5.51
109¼	102	Treas 14½% 1994	102	-	14.09	5.47
109	100	Exch 13½% 1994	103	-	13.00	5.41
105	102	Treas 10% 1994	102	-	9.74	5.32
110	105	Exch 12½% 1994	105	-	11.94	5.34
105	103½	Treas 9% 1994	103 †	-	8.68	5.38
111	107	Treas 12% 1995	107	-	11.14	5.40
97¼	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	97½ †	-	3.07	4.58
109½	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	107	-	9.52	5.52
116½	113½	Treas 12¾% 1995	113½ †	-	11.22	5.60
120½	117	Treas 14% 1996	117½	-	11.95	5.65
125½	121½	Treas 15¼% 1996	121 †	-	12.51	5.73
120	115½	Exch 13¼% 1996	117 †	-	11.29	5.78
112	108½	Conv 10% 1996	111 †	-	8.99	5.93
122	118½	Treas 13¼% 1997	120½	-	10.98	6.09
114	110	Exch 10½% 1997	113	-	9.29	6.06
109	105½	Treas 8¾% 1997	108	-	8.04	6.12
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	130	-	11.52	6.30
113	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	112	-	8.67	6.34
104	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	103	-	6.98	6.23
104	101	Treas 7¼% B 1998	103	-	6.98	6.25
101	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101 †	-	6.65	5.67
129	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	128½ †	-½	10.66	6.57

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138	133	Treas 15½% 1998	137	-	11.27	6.46
124½	118½	Exch 12% 1998	123 †	-	9.76	6.58
114½	108	Treas 9½% 1999	112	-	8.41	6.53
126½	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	125	-	9.79	6.63
119	112	Treas 10½% 1999	118 †	-	8.90	6.58
119	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	118 †	-	8.69	6.61
113	106	Conv 9% 2000	112½	-	8.01	6.59
133½	125½	Treas 13% 2000	132	-½	9.81	6.64
119	109	Treas 10% 2001	117	-	8.49	6.84
119	108½	Treas 9¾% 2002	117	-½	8.27	6.97
109	97	Treas 8% 2003	107	-	7.44	6.89
122	109½	Treas 10% 2003	120	-	8.28	7.02
126½	116½	Treas 11½% 2001-04	124	-	9.21	7.11
81	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	80	-	4.37	6.05
120	105½	Conv 9½% 2004	118 †	-	8.04	7.08
120½	105½	Conv 9½% 2005	118½	-	8.03	7.11
138	124½	Treas 12½% 2003-05	136 †	-½	9.18	7.33
107	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	105½	-½	7.57	7.11
131½	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	129	-	9.09	7.30
112½	97	Treas 8½% 2007	111	-	7.66	7.20
146½	131½	Treas 13½% 2004-08	144½	-	9.36	7.33

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
117½	101½	Treas 9% 2008	115	-	7.76	7.22
108	92	Treas 8% 2009	107	-½	7.47	7.24
118½	100½	Conv 9% 2011	116	-	7.69	7.27
119	100	Treas 9% 2012	117	-	7.65	7.25
87½	70½	Treas 5½% 2008-12	86	-	6.37	6.84
107½	89½	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	105½	-1	7.33	7.17
109	93	Treas 8% 2013	107	-	7.41	7.23
149	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	147	-	8.14	7.41
118½	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	117	-½	7.47	7.22

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
49	38½	War Ln 3½%	48½ †	-	7.25	...
34½	27	Treas 2½%	33	-	7.42	...

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
135	131½	Treas IL 2% 1994	135 †	...	...	...
203½	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	202	-½	1.30	2.21
112½	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	111½ †	-½	1.64	2.29
172	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	171	...	2.50	2.87
169½	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	168 †	...	2.68	2.98
115½	105½	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	114½	...	2.73	3.02
179½	159½	Treas IL 2% 2006	178½	...	2.73	3.06
163½	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	162 †	...	2.90	3.10
170½	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	168	-½	2.96	3.14
140	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	139	-½	2.99	3.16
151½	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	150	...	3.03	3.19
146½	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	145	-½	3.08	3.22
123½	102½	Treas IL 2½% 2024	122	-½	3.07	3.20
123	103½	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	121	-½	3.10	3.22

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AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
92 Belmont Rd, Uxbridge, Middx UB8 1RZ
0895 256 763

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Grofund Amer	165.60	174.30	+ 0.60	...
Grofund Equity	336.00	349.70	- 0.70	1.61
Grofund Euro	192.20	202.30	- 1.70	..
Grofund Expt Bd	115.59	119.60		1.00
Grofund Gilt	79.40	81.85	- 0.23	4.72
Grofund Japan	177.80	187.20	+ 1.20	...

AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS
Equity & Law Hse, Corpn St, Coventry
0203 553 231

General Acc	512.60	543.40	- 3.00	2.37
General Inc	491.90	491.40	- 2.60	2.37
UK Growth Acc	345.60	367.70	- 2.10	2.58
UK Growth Inc	341.90	257.40	- 1.90	2.58
Higher Inc Acc	648.90	690.40	- 3.50	3.52
Higher Inc Inc	387.90	412.70	- 2.00	3.52
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	188.30	198.80	- 1.10	5.88
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	96.28	101.60	- 0.50	5.88
Nth America	271.10	288.50	+ 3.30	...
Far East	353.10	375.70	+ 2.40	0.01
Europe	262.10	278.90	+ 2.00	0.84
Int'l Bond	70.35	74.85	- 0.96	2.55
Int'l Endmnts Acc	98.32	104.60	+ 0.60	4.30
Int'l Endmnts Inc	74.66	79.43	- 0.41	4.30
Global Opps	83.02	88.36	- 0.05	...
Balanced Acc	52.80	56.27	- 0.23	2.45
Balanced Inc	52.42	55.77	- 0.21	2.42

ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS
80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth 0345 717 373
High Income

Gilts & Fixed Int	136.50	144.70	- 0.20	5.53
High Inc Equity	164.40	174.30	- 2.50	4.50
Worldwide Bond	273.00	289.40	- 2.70	3.63
Capital Growth				
American Growth	302.80	323.80	+ 1.10	.98
Asian Pacific	328.50	349.40	+ 5.20	1.27
Assets & Earnings	243.40	260.30	+ 4.20	2.09
Comdty & Energy	105.10	112.40	- 0.90	.49
1992 Enterprise	89.09	95.28	- 0.50	2.02
Euro Capital Inc	119.50	127.80	- 0.60	.76
General	225.20	239.50	- 1.90	2.27
Japan	125.80	134.50	- 1.30	...
Mastermart	134.50	143.80	- 0.30	1.29
UK Growth Dist	128.60	136.80	+ 0.30	2.09
US Emerging Cos	134.20	142.70	+ 1.80	...
Income & Growth	71.35	75.90	- 7.30	3.24
Ethical	71.35	75.90	- 0.32	2.40
International	106.60	113.30	- 0.30	.44
Dividend & Growth	62.05	66.01	- 0.66	4.26
Global Gwth & Sec	64.02	68.10	- 0.02	2.79

ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
14 Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7NS
031 220 0733

UK Small Cos	1587.0	1660.0	...	...

ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
20 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ
0800 835 588

Aberdeen Portfolio	90.65	91.70	+ 0.02	0.81
Amer Inc & Growth	*45.77*	*48.42†*	+ 0.03	0.65
Cash	50.36	50.36	- 0.02	5.34
European	97.88	103.90	- 0.74	...
European Income	93.53	99.35	- 0.65	1.51
Exempt	970.50	1016.61	- 1.50	3.75
Extra Income	51.42	56.00	- 0.19	4.70
Far East Emrg Ecn	109.10	*117.30*	+ 1.35	*0.55*
Fixed Interest	24.25	25.90	- 0.51	7.13
Fund Inv Tst	*44.70*	*47.70*	+ 0.68	0.97
Japan	197.00	210.10	- 1.90	...
Latin American	59.54	63.50	- 0.25	0.79
Pacific	70.99	76.00	+ 0.44	0.56
Property Share	69.59	74.29	+ 0.07	1.77
UK Emerging Cos	60.74	64.85	+ 0.22	1.02
UK Growth	43.66	46.91†	+ 0.16	2.51
World Growth	73.65	78.61	+ 0.20	0.70
Ethical	63.50	67.79	...	2.62
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	54.18	54.18	- 0.17	7.54

ACUMA FUND MANAGERS LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 600 336

UK Equity Growth	91.89	97.76	- 0.09	3.17
UK Equity Income	91.28	97.09	- 0.09	2.91
European	63.75	67.82†	- 0.01	0.84
Nth American	67.53	71.84†	+ 0.47	1.16
Far Eastern	67.29	71.58	+ 0.23	0.52
Money	64.71	64.71	- 0.02	4.79
Fixed Interest	72.18	76.79	- 0.20	6.34
Index Linked Gilt	68.06	72.40	- 0.01	1.22

AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD
28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF
031 549 3232

British Growth	67.19	71.48†	- 0.40	2.67
British Income	77.11	82.03†	- 0.50	3.43
Select Portfolio	83.44	88.77†	+ 0.38	...

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ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD
101 Kings Road Brentwood CM14 4DR
0402 385 958

Annuity Income	75.96	80.59†	- 0.18	2.02
Income Builder Inc	67.57	71.88	- 0.31	2.81

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
IFA dlg: 0793 640 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514

Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	238.70	255.10†	- 1.20	2.95
Capital	406.00	434.00†	- 1.20	1.91
Balanced	687.60	735.00	- 2.80	2.33
Accumulator	1224.0	1308.0†	- 6.00	2.81
Income Trusts				
American Income	51.86	55.43	+ 0.36	2.90
High Income	418.70	447.50	- 2.30	3.53
Equity Income	235.00	251.20	- 1.40	3.49
High Yield	256.50	274.10†	- 1.20	3.48
Govt Securities	33.65	35.52†	- 0.06	4.85
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	138.10	147.60†	+ 0.70	0.29
European Growth	31.92	33.93	- 0.19	0.71
International	*156.20*	*167.20*		*0.41*
Japan	309.00	223.00	- 0.10	0.01
Pacific	395.40	422.60	+ 7.90	0.23
Sect of America	435.30	463.10	+ 3.40	0.54
Wwide Asset Val	45.83	48.99	+ 0.12	0.55
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	519.80	555.60	- 2.40	2.31
Conv & Gilt	47.04	50.28	- 0.02	3.84
Smaller Cos	*169.80*	*181.50*		*1.32*
2nd Smaller Cos	160.50	171.50	+ 0.30	1.27
Recovery	138.20	147.70†	- 0.30	1.98
Mst Min & Cdty	142.80	152.60†	- 0.10	0.73
Overs Earnings	341.80	365.30	- 1.70	2.17
Technology	159.20	170.00†	+ 0.70	0.05
UK Special Sits	441.40	471.80	- 1.60	1.98

AREWRIGHT MANAGEMENT
1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358

Growth	136.30	145.00†	- 1.20	1.92
Income	74.28	79.03	- 0.25	4.53
European	85.67	91.23	- 0.20	0.85
Recovery	130.70	139.10	- 0.40	1.98

B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
Manor Royal, Crawley RH10 2QP 0293 526 911

Crawcial Oui Pens	98.37	102.60†	- 0.40	1.45
Foundtn Feral Pens	63.65	66.12†	- 0.51	4.00

BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD
28 St John's Sq, London EC1M 4AE
071 253 6787

Capital	*71.83*	*76.41*	*- 0.35*	*2.03*
International	60.93	64.81	....	0.52

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD
1 Rutland Court, Edinburgh EH3 8EY
031 222 4242

America	308.20	331.80	+ 4.40	....
Bond	121.70	127.90†	- 0.60	6.23
Conv & Gen	60.59	64.66	- 0.57	5.49
Energy	472.30	500.50	- 2.20	0.25
Europe	212.90	226.60	- 2.30	0.80
Income Gwth	342.40	365.40†	- 2.30	4.32
Japan	332.10	353.20	- 0.30	....
Pacific	114.90	122.20	- 2.00	0.69
UK Smllr Cos	48.97	51.78	- 0.01	1.06
Japan Fd	753.70	775.70	- 2.20	....
Mngd Fd	170.20	181.10†	- 0.30	2.70

BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD
36 Queen St, London EC4R 1BN 071 499 8675

Intl & Overs	287.80	302.90	....	1.15
Capital Gwth	115.30	121.40	....	2.24
Wwide Opps	183.70	193.40	....	0.49

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
11 Broadway, Stratford E15 4BJ 081 534 5544
Balanced Trusts

Bal Inv Fd Inc	340.20	354.30†	- 1.60	2.81
European Bd Inc	99.08	103.60	- 0.30	3.36
Europe	75.82	80.91†	- 0.44	3.69
Financial	73.40	78.51	- 0.36	2.52
500.60	*438.60*	*470.40*	- 0.30	2.62
General	266.30	284.70†	- 2.00	2.66
Property	243.60	261.30		6.25
Trustee	182.40	195.10	- 1.00	2.39
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.40	100.40†	....	4.83
Extra Income	116.60	124.70†	- 0.70	8.20
Gilt & Fxd Int	62.02	64.97	- 0.06	7.87
Investor	535.00	572.20	- 3.10	4.02
Income Builder	66.13	70.35	- 0.38	4.72
Intl Income	67.50	71.81	- 0.08	2.95
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	116.20	124.20	- 0.60	2.68
Leisure	108.70	116.20	- 0.80	1.77
Recovery	395.90	423.40	- 3.20	2.66
Smllr Cos Inc	39.87	42.76		2.18
Special Sits	265.00	283.40	- 1.20	2.08
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	131.20	139.20	+ 0.60	0.23
Aust Acc	242.60	258.10	+ 4.10	1.56
Aust Inc	153.00	162.80	+ 2.60	1.56
Euro Growth Inc	133.60	141.90	- 1.30	0.51
Japan & Gen Inc	184.80	195.60	- 0.80	....
Japan Spec Sits	78.13	82.77	- 0.48	....
Unbr Tech Inc	73.40	78.00	- 0.19	0.68
Worldwide	164.30	174.40	- 0.20	0.56

BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
081 658 6000

American Growth	98.85	104.80	+ 0.70	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	131.40	140.40†	+ 0.60	5.66
Cash Trust	50.93	50.93	- 0.02	5.20
Convertibles	56.30	61.28†	- 0.15	6.20
Eastern	256.30	277.90	+ 7.10	1.60
Equity Income	90.68	96.46†	- 0.35	5.50
European Growth	270.90	288.10	- 3.60	1.50
Europe	181.80	194.30	- 2.40	1.50
German Growth	73.33	78.06	- 0.07	0.70
Global Bond	70.52	74.22	- 0.17	5.30
Global Growth	123.60	132.10	+ 0.80	....
Japan Growth	205.00	219.00	+ 0.70	....
Japan Sunrise	179.80	192.20	- 0.20	....
Korea Trust	53.59	57.36	+ 1.58	....
Portfolio	132.00	141.10	- 0.30	3.20
UK Growth	90.64	96.42	- 0.25	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	92.53	98.96†	- 0.02	1.90
Select Managed	72.75	77.83	- 0.07	2.00

BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD
20-34 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL
071 250 3500

Intl Gwth Port Inc	77.43	82.37	- 0.56	....
Special Oppor Inc	51.09	54.35	- 0.70	....

BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD
5 Gilmour St, London EC1A 9DE 071 256 6441

Special Sits	179.90	192.40†	+ 0.40	0.49
Dividend	80.22	85.80	- 0.97	4.53
Inc Gth & Inc	227.50	243.30	- 1.50	2.70
UK & Gen	44.73	47.84	- 0.03	1.64
Fund of Funds	64.43	68.91†	+ 0.34	....

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD
50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR
041 225 4020

Balanced Growth	103.63	110.83†	- 0.42	1.55
Smaller Cos	97.17	103.93†	+ 0.22	1.03
Higher Yield	43.56	46.58†	- 0.10	3.22
American Gth Inc	67.35	72.04	+ 0.62	....
European Growth	119.38	127.68†	- 0.91	0.17
Global Bond Inc	31.52	33.44	....	5.03
Mngd Pfolio Inc	40.46	43.81†	+ 0.05	1.18

BROWN SHIPLEY UT MGRS
9-17 Perrymount Rd Haywards Hth
0444 412 262

Mngd Pfolio Inc	103.90	110.70	+ 2.80	1.84
UK General	167.10	178.40†	- 0.60	2.72
European Inc	24.72	26.58†	- 0.06	0.45
Financial	150.20	160.30	+ 3.70	2.67
German	50.21	53.96	+ 0.49	0.07
High Income	133.30	142.00†	- 1.30	3.84
Income	102.90	109.60	- 0.40	4.35
Intl Income	38.43	40.92	- 0.10	0.19
Intl Growth	78.83	83.95	- 1.55	3.75
Monthly Income	114.30	121.70	+ 0.20	0.18
North American	112.80	120.10	+ 0.30	....
Orient	142.80	154.00	+ 1.87	2.07
Foundation	96.25	91.84†	- -	2.31
Recovery	47.64	51.21	- -	2.31
Smaller Cos Inc	147.80	212.60	- -	1.03

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL
071 480 7236

Short Dated Gilt	68.94	69.86	....	4.90

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH
061 837 5060

Environ	145.20	154.80	- 0.50	1.47
UK Growth	159.50	169.70	- 1.20	1.99
UK Income	133.40	142.00†	- 0.90	3.98

CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA
0707 651 122

Can Gen Dist	185.60	196.50	- 0.90	1.83
do- Income Dist	111.00	117.70†	- 0.60	4.54
Gilt & Fxd Int	*42.73*	*45.93*	- 0.16	6.05

CANNON LINCOLN FND MGRS LTD
1 Olympic Way, Wembley HA9 0NB
081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 623

Growth	48.00	51.34	- 0.19	3.25
Income	50.27	53.73	- 0.26	3.73
Far East	50.44	60.36	+ 0.40	....
North American	99.25	105.70	+ 1.20	....
Global	98.08	104.90		0.39
European	62.47	66.80		2.65
Global Convertible	24.0n	25.67†	....	2.43
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	58.48	62.30†	....	....
American	236.70	251.00	....	....
Amer Spec Sits	109.20	116.50	....	....
Japan Smaller Cos	41.21	43.96	....	....
European	154.40	164.30†	....	....
European Opps	95.69	59.22	....	....
UK Growth	81.05	86.18	....	....
Growth & Inc	154.40	164.20	....	3.14
Intl PEP	34.21	36.38	....	....
Japan Spec Sits	93.50	100.30	....	....
Japan	193.20	206.20	....	....
Managed Intl	258.10	275.60	....	....
Moneybuilder	49.07	52.35	....	....
Recovery	40.73	43.31	....	....
South E Asia	150.60	160.70†	....	....
Special Sits	482.10	512.60	....	....
Specialist Funds				
UK Index	108.10	113.90	....	3.43
UK Reverse Index	83.56	87.99	....	4.46
Europe Index	99.90	115.50	....	1.81
-do- Reverse Index	73.59	78.31	....	7.59
America Index	102.30	107.78	....	1.01
-do- Reverse Index	93.46	98.65	....	1.15
Japan Index	133.50	140.60	....	1.65
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Cash Accum Units	103.20	103.20	....	5.10
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European	244.40	260.30		
1992 Euro Opps	217.00	231.10		
Gilt & Fixed Int	151.90	161.80		
Global Conv	124.50	132.60		
Income Plus	*151.80*	*161.70*		
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Growth	412.80	441.50	- 1.20	2.19
Income & Growth	431.40	436.40	- 1.90	3.49
Intnl Gwth	31.89	34.10	+ 0.02	0.75
Japan Gwth	28.46	30.43	- 0.05	....
Managed Tst Inc	48.61	51.98	- 0.43	0.50
Oriental Opps Inc	145.70	155.90	+ 0.63	0.23
Property Shares	42.70	45.66	- 0.04	1.78
Smaller Cos	30.87	33.01†	- 0.07	1.60
UK Growth Tst	24.83	26.55	- 0.15	2.84
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Japan	193.20	206.20	....	....
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UK Reverse Index	83.56	87.99	....	4.46
Europe Index	99

Firms fear upheaval in rules on agents

BY DEREK HARRIS

REGULATIONS affecting commercial agents due to come into force on January 1 are already causing extensive upsets among businesses using agents. New compensation provisions could mean a costs impost ranging from £5,000 to £80,000, according to first estimates.

The Confederation of British Industry is among those concerned about the regulations, especially a change that would make a principal liable to pay an agent's commission even where the principal has not been paid.

Steve Sidkin, a partner in Fox Williams, a London commercial law firm, said that the regulations, based on an EC directive, would, if approved by parliament, bring a revolution in UK agency law. He added: "The vagueness of the regulations inherited from their continental parentage is compounding the problems they will bring." The need for greater clarity has been argued by the CBI.

Some manufacturers and suppliers appear already to be taking avoiding action, according to Mr Sidkin, who has made a study of the situation. It is open to them to give notice to agents and, at the same time, reappoint them as distributors or franchisees so that they would be buying and selling goods on their own account.

Mr Sidkin said: "Others are offering their agents direct employment, thus taking on liability as employers instead of facing the quasi-employee benefits which agents will soon enjoy." One problem is that unless contracts can be ended on or before December 31, the new regulations will apply.

The main change is that even when those using agents fulfil their obligations upon terminating a contract, compensation will still be due. Even if the contract ends because of the agent's infirmity or death, compensation will have to be paid, according to Mr Sidkin.

Andy Darmoo, head of Fantastic Lighting, of Crayford, Kent, which imports lighting fitments and sells through four agents, said: "I am in a quandary knowing what to do. Businesses have not been given sufficient time to adjust to this."



"This is the longest I've ever had to wait for payment"

Money hidden in old walls

BY DAVID THURLOW

STEPHEN MARKESON



It cost Anwen and David Offord £70,000 to start their "traditional building supermarket" in Suffolk

WHEN David and Anwen Offord realised that prospects for their arable farm in Suffolk were poor, they decided to sell. They wanted to stay self-employed, but were not sure what to do. They moved to a 14th-century farmhouse at Great Ashfield, as a base to launch a business, and set to work to repair the house and its outbuildings.

The problem was getting the right materials. In the course of finding them, the Offords, both in their thirties, discovered the secret of how old houses like this had survived for centuries: it was their ability to flex and breathe, because of what they were made of.

The only thing to do was to match the materials; modern ones would not do the job. So they began to hunt for such things as mortars without cement and plastering lath. "We had great difficulty in finding them," David says. "We searched the country looking for suppliers. We realised that there must be others looking for the same materials and research showed we were right. It was a niche in the market which we could fill."

He explains: "There are 13,000 listed buildings in Suffolk alone and tens of thousands of other old buildings. We also discovered that many people are purists for authentic materials."

Some, such as pig's blood, needed to produce "pig's limewash", are easy to obtain, albeit bizarre. Horsehair, to add to plaster to reduce drying shrinkage, is more difficult. Other items, such as lime putty, mortars, daub, limewash and hinges, have to be manufactured.

The pair launched their firm, called Ashfield Traditional, a year ago, despite the sluggish housing market. Their catalogue contains materials such as daub, pigments for limewash of many colours, waxes and oils, flooring fixings, nails, firebricks and hand-made floor tiles. Much research was needed to get the lime colours right.

The site, including a barn and cart-lodges, cost them £40,000; another £20,000 was needed to repair the barn. Machinery and equipment for manufacturing cost £5,000, and setting up an office as much again.

Anwen says: "We find our customers by word of mouth, personal contact, advertising, local councils and conservation organisations and people like the National Trust — who are customers — and English Heritage. People generally track us down for the lime products. When they come along, they see that we do a lot more and are in fact a traditional building supermarket."

David adds: "We are on target to make a small profit in our second year. We are extending our range, although we are sticking to our plan to keep materials as they should be, in their original form."

BRIEFINGS

Emerging businesses will get a better chance of breaking into *exporting thanks to an initiative by* Livewire, the organisation backed by Shell UK that aims to help young people who are developing in business.

The scheme is called "Export Challenge", with sponsorship from Bass, the brewing and leisure group. It will give young owner-managers specialist export training and advice. A trade mission to *mainland Europe is also planned.*

Bass is offering hotel accommodation in Europe as well as seed-corn funding. The initiative will be piloted in Chester, Birmingham, Cardiff and Staffordshire, operating mainly through evening workshops. Funding is also expected from local training and enterprise agencies and other organisations.

☐ *The Inland Revenue has produced* a booklet to help people setting up in business to understand how the tax system will affect them. *Starting In Business* outlines records that should be kept, forms to be completed and what happens when somebody is employed. Enquiries to local tax centres.

☐ Cranfield School of Management is organising open evenings to explain its business growth and development programme to entrepreneurs. Two are at the school, at Cranfield, Bedfordshire, on November 9 and 16, and one at the Institute of Directors, London, on November 23. Enquiries: Eve Hussey, 0234 751122.

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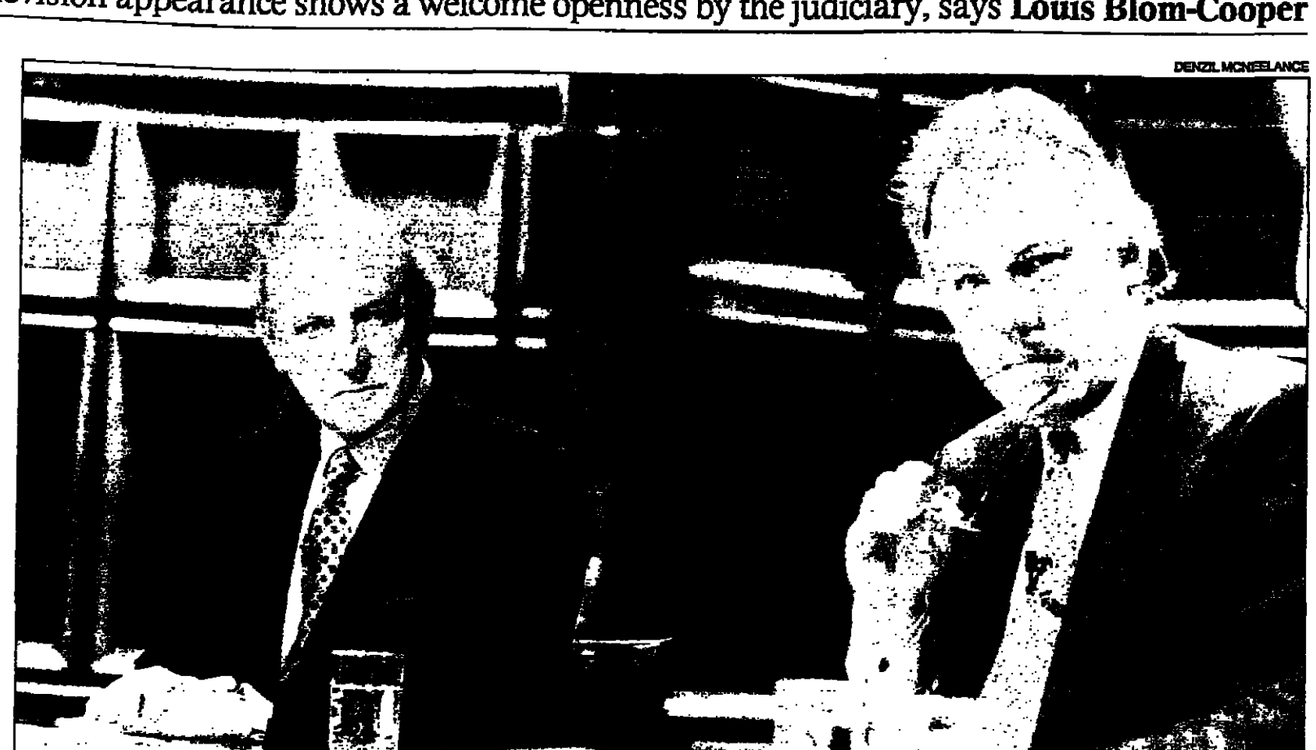
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Lord Taylor's television appearance shows a welcome openness by the judiciary, says **Louis Blom-Cooper**


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Lord Taylor, the Lord Chief Justice, left, on air with Peter Sissons, the *Question Time* presenter, in an appearance that allayed doubts

Why judges need to speak out

When Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice, appeared with three other panellists (none of them politicians) on BBC1's *Question Time* last Thursday, he may have been engaging in a unique public discussion of politico-legal affairs, but was he breaching any canon of uncodified judicial ethics? The answer is a decided "no" though many sensible and wise people, in and out of the legal profession, questioned the propriety.

Sitting judicially, a High Court judge literally has the last word (subject only to an appeal to a higher court); and since he is immune from being sued for libel, he must avoid saying or doing anything that goes beyond the boundaries of the case he is trying.

Off the bench, and unconnected with any case tried or to be tried, the rules can be different. The judge is no less a citizen with the same rights of free speech as anybody else, but with a specialist expertise and experience that commands respect from a public wishing to be well informed about public institutions and issues of social and government policy. So long, that is, as they are non-party political matters.

For the most part judges shun personal publicity — that is their prerogative. But others may properly feel that they should participate in public affairs one way or another. After all, many are positioned to do so.

Not infrequently the law lords have aired their views, for example, almost unanimously against the death penalty for murder. And in 1989, in an extraordinary debate in the House of Lords, they fiercely opposed the Lord Chancellor's proposal for reforming legal services. Moreover, senior members of the judiciary are frequently asked to advise and report to government on public issues of one kind or another.

Lord Woolf's description of the home secretary's proposals for changes in the criminal justice and penal systems as "short-sighted and irresponsible" was entirely within bounds. It was the individual expressions of support for Lord Woolf from seven senior judges that triggered the controversy about extra-judicial activities. Was it right that these seven judges should have individually given separate interviews to the *Observer* newspaper about the penal policies of the government?

Sir Winston Churchill said that a form of life and conduct far more severe and restricted than that of ordinary people is required from judges who "have to maintain a far more rigorous standard than is required from any class that I know of in this realm".

In 1967, the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Parker, said the judiciary could not enter the political field. Judges could not voice their views on proposed legislation publicly, either orally or in writing. The only proper way to communicate their views on any such matter had to be through private consultation with ministers and civil servants. But that view, if never wholly shared by judges, was never practised as it was being preached.

Lord Parker himself was prepared publicly to criticise existing laws and to propose changes. In 1970, speaking at the Lord Mayor's Banquet, he unequivocably advocated the abrogation of the right of a suspect to remain silent, describing it as "an anachronistic luxury".

In 1971, Lord Parker's successor, Lord Widgery, similarly expressed his hostility to the right of silence, and advocated publicly effective police interrogation inevitably resulting in less protection of a suspects' rights.

Over the last two decades many other judges have spoken out on such issues as divorce law reform, the need for a bill of rights or at least enactment of the European Convention on Human Rights, and a host of issues relating to social policy.

Lord Taylor's own contribution may not have been televisually exciting. But his indication of general, although not unqualified, support for the home secretary's 27 points for changes in criminal justice avoided any political confrontation.

If Lord Taylor's support for a modified incursion into the suspect's right of silence may not be to the liking of some civil libertarians, it did at least ally the judiciary with the home secretary's rejection of the majority recommendation of the Runciman commission. There was nothing new in that — Lord Parker and Lord Widgery said it 20 years ago.

None of this could be said remotely to disturb the general desire that, within bounds, nothing should be done to jeopardise the independence of the judiciary. What are those bounds? The test of judicial propriety must always be whether the public pronouncements of a judge could be said reasonably to arouse in the ordinary citizen a lowering of public esteem for the judiciary.

> A remote judiciary has excited speculative journalism

And judges can be trusted to gauge whether the test is being applied. Could anyone doubt that Lord Scarman's public appearances among the citizens of Brixton during and after his enquiry into the 1981 riots helped considerably to demonstrate a genuine concern for the plight of ethnic minorities? Likewise, Lord Woolf's propagation of his proposed reforms for the prison system have contributed beneficially to the issues of penal policy.

And who can say that Judge Tumim — no doubt in the course of his duties as chief inspector of prisons — has not performed wonders in consistently publicising both the good and the bad in prison conditions?

Why then all the fuss? The answer probably lies in the relationship between the judiciary and the media. Too often for comfort the pronouncements of judges, both on and off the Bench, are misrepresented or misunderstood by journalists and editors.

No judge would, or could, object to being criticised for what he does and says, so long as the facts on which that criticism is based are accurately reported. Unhappily, all too frequently they are not. Much, not all, of the criticism of the last Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane, was grossly misplaced, and some of it even mischievous.

The media can be excused many of their failings in the treatment of the courts and judges, by the very existence of the official isolation imposed and generally adopted in the past. The Kilmuir rules of 1955 which declared that it was undesirable for judges to broadcast on radio or appear on television sought, all too successfully, to insulate the judiciary from the controversies of the day.

Indeed, if anything, the isolation harmed the judiciary by leaving a public starved of knowledge of the law in action. The suspicion that is always bred by isolation and silence from public servants serves only to arouse the journalist to ferret out the "news", often by disinformation supplied by irresponsible sources. A remote judiciary not unnaturally has excited speculative journalism. The judiciary could perhaps do more to explain its decisions by releasing information to the media.

There are undoubted benefits in Lord Taylor's public commitment to openness, shown by his appearances on television and at last week's Law Society conference — and by the abandonment of the judiciary's previous Olympian aloofness. It should evoke a corresponding sense of the need within the newspaper and broadcasting industry to enforce high standards of journalistic and editorial responsibility.

Once the lines of communication are sensibly established, with mutual understanding of each other's role, there need be little fear of judicial withdrawal from public affairs.

● *Sir Louis Blom-Cooper QC was the last chairman of the Press Council, 1989-90.*

Little lies that sway juries

When Austen Donnellan walked free from the Old Bailey after being acquitted of raping his fellow King's College student, at London University, he must have felt relieved that he had been believed. Rape cases where the defence is that the woman consented turn exclusively on who the jury believes is telling the truth. Yet recent research suggests that who is believed depends much on the appearance and demeanour of the witness, and this can be unreliable.

Katherine Bennett and Dr Chris Fife-Schaw, of Surrey University, conducted experiments with students to see who they believed, showing them pictures of witnesses and playing a tape of evidence about the theft of a bicycle. The researchers found that good-looking witnesses were more likely to be believed than plain ones.

Less surprisingly, confident witnesses were believed in preference to less-confident ones. Earlier research has shown, however, that there is no real relation between confidence and accuracy.

Lord Bridge of Harwich, who as a High Court judge presided over the original trial of the Birmingham Six, said that the policemen who had given evidence that the "confessions" were made voluntarily had impressed him as honest and straightforward witnesses. Police evidence often appears like this because the police are trained to give evidence in a straightforward manner. This does not mean, however, that they are always telling the truth.



PATRICK STEVENS

Some judges have found this hard to accept. When the Birmingham Six brought a civil action against the police for injuries received in custody, Lord Denning upheld the police and said that if the Birmingham Six succeeded it would show evidence of police perjury and violence. In a memorable phrase he described this as "an appalling vista".

A similar attitude was shown by the Court of Appeal in 1987-88 during the Six's criminal appeal. Although by then six former police officers and prison officers had given evidence supporting the Six's claims that the confessions had been beaten out of them, the court still believed the original police evidence.

In the vast majority of criminal cases it is a jury rather than a judge which decides which witness is to be believed. The Surrey University research confirms what advocates have long suspected: that certain witnesses have a disproportionate effect on juries. The Surrey students should have been more intelligent than a randomly selected jury and less influenced by appearances. As research into the inner workings of juries is prohibited, the views of the legal profession are based on observation and anecdote rather than scientific method.

To a criminal lawyer, the ideal witness would be a pretty 14-year-old girl dressed in a neat school uniform who gives clear and confident evidence. The worst would be a male skinhead with a tattooed face who has to be told not to chew gum while giving mumbled evidence.

In the majority of cases there is sufficient extraneous evidence to simplify the decision as to who is telling the truth. The jury in the Donnellan case would have been impressed by the evidence of a girlfriend that he was quite capable of taking "no" for an answer and that it was Donnellan who insisted that the matter be reported to the police.

It is evidence of the surrounding circumstances which can give the lie to even the most convincing oral evidence. One of the most convincing categories of unreliable witness is the middle-class motorist who is quite certain that his driving was exemplary. The indisputable fact that the "exemplary driving" caused the driver to end up in a ditch is often the deciding factor.

People like this are not lying in the true sense of telling deliberate untruths but have convinced themselves that what they would have preferred to happen, did happen.

A similar type of untruth occurs in drunken assault cases where witnesses were too drunk to remember what really happened but convince themselves they were in the right. It is common to find someone who, having told the police two days after a fight that he could remember nothing of it, tells a court six months later of the whole incident in detail.

The penalties for perjury are heavy. The maximum sentence is seven years' imprisonment and it is one of those offences where even first offenders can expect an immediate prison sentence. One of my partners who was collecting a debt for a client had the debtor orally examined as to his means by the court. The debtor falsely claimed to be unemployed, which led to his receiving three months in prison for a very routine lie. Yet prosecutions for perjury are relatively rare.

The advantage still rests with the good-looking, confident liar who tells a plausible story. So if you want to be believed, have that nose job done and practise sounding sincere and confident. Better than just telling the truth.

● *The author is a practising solicitor*

INNS AND OUTS

Fast track worries

THE Queen's Speech this month is expected to outline plans for two controversial Bills on law and order. First, proposals to shake up magistrates' courts, which have already prompted widespread opposition among JPs and their clerks; and second, a criminal justice bill which includes curbs on a suspect's right to silence. But ministers had better watch their step. Last week Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, warned about the dangers of legislating hastily and the "unforeseen consequences" of upsetting the system's checks and balances.

In a debate in the Lords on the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice, he voiced his concern: "We don't want to have to revise the next criminal justice act within months of enactment, as with the Criminal Justice Act 1991."

Women wait

WOMEN solicitors as well as new entrants, have been damaged by the recession, according to a new study by the Law Society. The number of traineeships (places for new solicitors to do their articles) has dropped by 6 per cent to 3,689 and the trend is downwards. Meanwhile, the number of students indicating that they want to be solicitors has exceeded 7,000. The fall in trainee places has had a disproportionate effect on women — now more than half of new entrants. As women become partners at a slower rate than their male colleagues, they are further disadvantaged. Despite this, the society's research unit foresees a growth in the profession to more than 70,000 solicitors in 1995-96 from today's 61,300.

The right judge

LAST year for the first time circuit judges and practising QCs sat for more days as deputy High Court judges than did full-time High Court judges.

Sir Donald Nicholls, vice chancellor, said last week that people had the right to expect that their case would be heard by a full-time High Court judge. "It is very important that parties to High Court litigation should feel their case will be tried by a judge and very unfortunate that, given the present state of the lists, people do have to have their cases tried by deputies."

Last laugh

ELECTIONS are a serious matter in East Windsor, Connecticut. At a recent primary candidates were barred from grinning within 75ft of the polling booth. The rule came in, says the local registrar, because "a smile in the voting area is a request for a vote." But candidates were able to grin as usual when the state government overturned it.

VAT disgrace

FOR ONLY the second time in the history of VAT, a VAT tribunal has awarded costs against Customs and Excise, in a case in which a VAT assessment of £108,000 was cut to £3,000. Costs were awarded on an indemnity basis to a Dorchester firm, H & B Motors, after four years of fruitless negotiation in which Customs refused to review its assessment. The firm's adviser, Douglas Gordon, of accountants Grant Thornton, has been joined by other VAT practitioners in criticising the lack of training given to local VAT officers and a "portcullis" mentality. The tribunal chairman said costs could be awarded only where Customs had "acted disgracefully".

Breakfast views

ALL THE hot air during the debate over crime and punishment has some uses. Jewish Care is hosting a charity breakfast at Claridge's tomorrow to tempt more than 100 businessmen to spend £25 each. The attraction? Lord Taylor will be expounding his views on the government's approach to law and order.

On-off merger

THE ON-OFF merger negotiations between Dibb Lupton Broomhead and Birmingham firm Needham & James is very much on again. Says Paul Rhodes, Dibb Lupton's newly-appointed managing partner: "The partners at Needham are taking the vote today . Assuming they vote 'yes', we are looking forward to bringing them on board."

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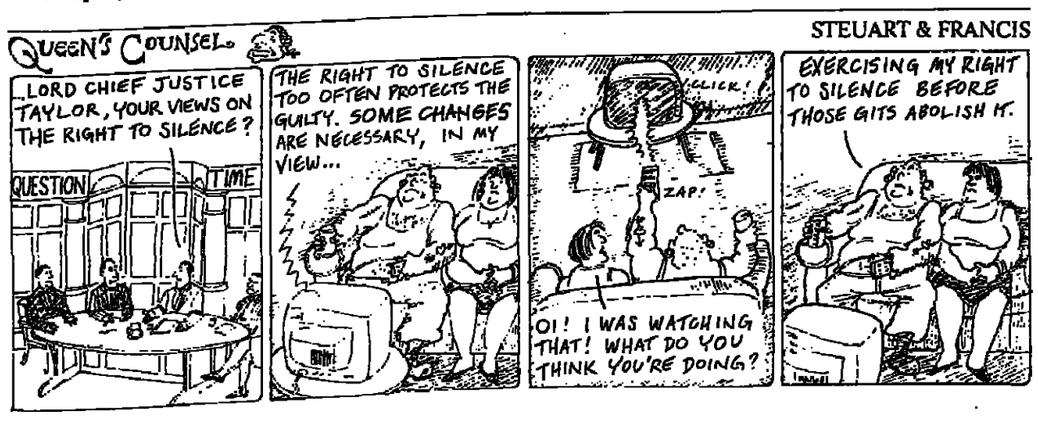
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Andrew Fraley, IDR Europe's technical director, says: "It is the first time a public body has signed a formal contract to use mediation as a recognised alternative to the courts."

Scots challenge

PLANS TO create 28 unitary local authorities in Scotland have led Unison, the union representing 100,000 Scottish local government employees, to approach the United Nations to challenge the proposals. Unison claims that about 270,000 people (8 per cent of Scotland's electorate) would become ineligible to stand for election as local councillors, in breach of UN Article 25 on civil rights. This provides that all citizens should be entitled to participate in public affairs and stand for election. Only 5,000 people are affected now.

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The current system of selecting QCs inflates prices, the Law Society conference was told in Brighton. **Frances Gibb** reports

Few signposts on the silk route

Rodger Pannone, Law Society president, left no doubt last week as to his distaste for the present system at the Bar for selecting silks — the subject of renewed criticism at the Bar's annual general meeting last week. It will not be long before solicitors, as advocates in the higher courts, are involved. Pannone said the present system was not exposed to or led by consumer demand; involved no consultation with its customers; did not involve published standards, "let alone ones objectively set"; and the restriction on numbers appointed artificially distorted the market. That forced consumers to pay inflated prices. He was not convinced that it was a system to be copied and expressed surprise that the Lord Chancellor was prepared to expend such an amount of time and money on it.

Trading places

THE desperate shortage of training places (articles) for new solicitors — some 6,000 plus students are now emerging from the vocational course in search of 3,500 places — is set to be one of the hottest topics of the coming few months. That, and how to fund solicitors through their training so that law does not became the enclave of the rich.

However, John Balsdon, of the Trainee Solicitors' Group, said education ministers had made it clear that they would not favour conferring mandatory grant status, similar to that given for the training of doctors, architects and others, on other professions.

Stretching the point

AMID fielding questions on legal aid — in which he seemed to give a hint that the recent eligibility cuts might be subject to review next month — John Taylor MP managed to raise a laugh with a joke against lawyers. He told how he had found himself in a convoy of official cars when representing the Lord Chancellor at a recent summit of EC justice ministers, all of them lawyers. The convoy moved off, followed by three ambulances. "This must be the first time ever," his official remarked, "that ambulances have chased lawyers."

Out of the question

JUDGES may be getting bolder about airing their views in public, but the special judicial question time at the Law Society conference on Saturday, which featured the Lord Chief Justice and three other most senior judges in England and Wales sitting on one panel, was hedged about with an extraordinary list of restrictions. In what amounts to a new definition of the rules on judges speaking in public, the judges issued a comprehensive list of subjects which were off limits. Some were understandable, such as individual judicial decisions or any discussion of any individual judge, but others raised a few eyebrows: they included the police (including pay and conditions), prisons (conditions, numbers, organisation), legal aid and rights of audience, a subject on which they are known to be divided. But the judges were prepared to take questions on equally controversial topics such as policing, public confidence in the judiciary, divorce, the trial system and capital punishment.



Senior judges appearing at a special judicial question time during the Law Society conference

Look who's working

AMID controversy over cut-price conveyancing and the current investigation by the Office of Fair Trading into complaints of "price fixing" by some solicitors, Law Society research failed to find any link between cut-price services and the incidence of complaints. However, further research is now to be undertaken to quantify the complaints made by solicitors about the extra work they have to do when the solicitor on the other side of the deal is operating a cut-price service.

Fair request

A CAMPAIGN to extend legal aid to coroners' inquests was launched by the pressure group Inquest, with the Law Society, Legal Aid Practitioners Group and the Legal Action Group. Louise Christian, a solicitor, said: "At controversial inquests, such as deaths in custody, lawyers can be briefed at taxpayers' expense to represent government agencies." The bereaved family often has no lawyer.

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Gold glitters at end of tunnel

Disputes are increasingly settled outside the courts, yet few arbitrators are lawyers



Michael Reynolds: arbitrator

The recent advertisements signalling that there are just six months to go before the Channel Tunnel opens will come as a welcome relief to those dealing with the many disputes which have surrounded the construction work.

Central to the resolution of those disputes has been a system of arbitration conducted through the International Chamber of Commerce in Brussels. The lawyers involved in the arbitration process, particularly those from the construction specialists, Masons, and Freshfields, deserve equal credit with the engineers for the completion of the project.

Arbitration is of increasing importance to the efficient conduct of business. Designed to resolve commercial disputes in a judicial manner — the arbitrator's decision is both final and enforceable at law — the process is winning growing support from lawyers. As Mr Justice Otton wrote a couple of months ago: "Arbitration continues to commend itself in preference to litigation across a wide range of disputes. This is because, in theory at least, it is cheaper, quicker, and more informal than progress through the courts."

His implication, that theory may be different from practice, is important, however, and represents a break in arbitration development. John Bishop, the senior partner of Masons, is concerned that the costs of arbitration are now comparable to those of litigation because many of those involved, including the arbitrators themselves, are being "more innovative" in their approach to the arbitration process.

Part of the reason for this may be that there are surprisingly few lawyers who actually take on the arbitration role in England and Wales. One who does is Michael P. Reynolds, of the London law firm Saunders Sobell, whose book on arbitration techniques is published this week.

He says: "In this country there has been a tendency for arbitrators to be experts from the relevant professional field."

Effective arbitration, however, needs more than just technical knowledge. Experience and professional credibility are also necessary, as well as a strong personality. "You need to come across as both tough and fair," Mr Bishop says. It is also necessary to have a thorough command of the arbitration process which, in many respects, mimics that of a court of law.

"The role of arbitrator has not been tapped or pushed enough by the legal profession," Mr Reynolds says. "Solicitors know procedures, they understand how these kinds of processes work. With more involvement by solicitors the process could be made to work even better."



Arbitration was vital to the completion of the Channel tunnel

Other regular users of arbitration agree that the quality of arbitrators can vary. Although a professional body exists in the shape of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, arbitration can be undertaken by virtually anyone who is acceptable to the two parties.

This is in contrast to the way arbitration is conducted by the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) which focuses on cross-border business and provides an important forum for the conduct of many international transactions.

One of Europe's best-known arbitration specialists is Jan Paulsson, who works out of the Freshfields office in Paris. He says: "One of the advantages of an ICC arbitration is that the judgment is checked before being sent to the parties. This provides a degree of quality control which gives a lot of confidence both to the participants and to the courts."

The strength of the ICC in Paris probably makes it the world's leading arbitration centre. With increasing use being made of arbitration, not least in connection with developments in Eastern Europe, it may be time for London lawyers to become more involved in taking on the role of Solomon.

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Oxfordshire County Council v M

Before Sir Stephen Brown, President, Lord Justice Steyn and Lord Justice Kennedy

[Judgment October 27]

By the Children Act 1989 and under the wardship jurisdiction the interests of the child were paramount: therefore legal professional privilege which attached to medical reports had to yield to that overriding principle. That overriding principle would be defeated if a party could suppress an unfavourable report.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing an appeal by the mother of two girls, L, aged four, and T, aged two, and the father of T, from the decision of Judge Harold Wilson at Oxford County Court in a directions hearing in care proceedings brought under section 31 of the Children Act 1989. He gave leave to the mother and the father of T to disclose to psychiatrists all the reports and video recordings held by the court on condition that the reports should then be disclosed to the court and the other parties.

Mr Jonathan Baker for the mother; Miss Georgina Middleton for the father of T; Miss Sally Max for the father of L; Mr Leo Curran for the county council; Miss Joanna Hall for the guardian *ad litem*.

THE PRESIDENT said that the local authority had commenced care proceedings under section 31 of the Children Act 1989 relating to two young girls born to the mother by different fathers. The appellants sought to have deleted from the order the condition that the medical reports should be disclosed.

There were two conflicting decisions, both made by experienced judges of the Family Division. In *Barking and Dagenham London Borough Council v O* ([1993] 3 WLR 493) Mr Justice Douglas Brown had held that in cases brought under the 1989 Act legal professional privilege attached and that there was no obligation to disclose. Mr Justice Thorpe on *In re R (a Minor)* (*The Times* August 18) had taken a different view in similar circumstances stating that legal professional privilege attaching to medical reports could be overridden by the court.

Children cases were in a special category. They were non-adversarial and it was important that an informed decision was reached by the court.

His Lordship preferred the decision of Mr Justice Thorpe and would dismiss the appeal.

LORD JUSTICE STEYN said that the principal question was whether legal professional privilege attached to experts' reports obtained in care proceedings.

In *In re Saxton (deceased); Johnson v Saxton* ([1962] 1 WLR 968, 972) Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, had said that it was one of our notions of a fair trial that a party should not see the proofs of the other side's witnesses, including their experts. Much had happened to our system of civil justice since 1962. Today there was a comprehensive system for exchange of experts' reports and witness statements. Civil justice had become more open.

It was of particular importance to note that care proceedings did not have an essentially adversarial character.

In practice judges at the directions stage adopted an interventionist style and at the substantive hearing the Family Division judge had greater control over the deployment of evidence and argument than a judge sitting in the Queen's Bench Division.

Under the 1989 Act the child's welfare was the paramount consideration. That objective was spelt out explicitly by section 1(1). The Act was a watershed. It established the paramountcy of the child's welfare as the sole and overriding principle on care proceedings.

Like Mr Justice Thorpe, his Lordship was of the view that that legislative object would be defeated if a party in care proceedings was entitled to suppress an unfavourable report.

Legal professional privilege was outweighed by the paramountcy principle and had to yield to the greater value which attached to the legislative purpose which made the child's welfare the sole criterion in care proceedings.

His Lordship would rule that in proceedings under the 1989 Act a party was obliged to disclose all experts' reports.

That ruling did not mean that legal professional privilege had no role to play. Communications between lawyer and client should not be disclosed. Such advice was not material which arguably could affect the judgment of the court. The orders of the judge were correct.

Lord Justice Kennedy delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Bower & Bailey, Oxford; Linnells, Oxford; Hedges & Son, Didcot; Mr Sidney Barling, Oxford; Richard Pooler & Co, Oxford.

Payment-in with two plaintiffs

Walker and Another v Turpin and Others

Before Sir Donald Nicholls, Vice-Chancellor, Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Lord Justice Peter Gibson

[Judgment July 6]

Where two or more plaintiffs were joined in an action, Order 22, rule 1(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court allowed any defendant to the action to make one, unapportioned payment into court in satisfaction of all the plaintiffs' causes of action, notwithstanding that rule 1 referred throughout to "the plaintiff".

Propositions to the contrary in *The Supreme Court Practice 1993* at note 22/1/12 and *Halsbury's Laws of England* (4th edition (1982) vol 37 para 285, note 6) were, therefore, incorrect.

If, however, one of two plaintiffs wished to accept such a payment but was prevented from doing so by the other's rejection of it, rule 1(5) enabled the court to direct amendment of the notice of payment-in so as to specify the sums paid in satisfaction of the respective causes of action of each plaintiff, on the ground that the plaintiffs were embarrassed by the unapportioned payment.

The Court of Appeal so held when allowing an appeal by the plaintiffs, Mr Brian Walker and Mr Gerald Linley, from the order of Mr Justice Morritt made on June 25, 1993 in the Newcastle upon Tyne District Registry, whereby he allowed an appeal from the district judge and held that the defendants, Mr Harry Turpin, Ms Lilian Turpin, Mr John Sanderson and Mr Michael Walker, were not required to make any apportionment of the sum paid between the two plaintiffs.

Order 22, rule 1 provides: "(1) In any action for a debt or damages any defendant may at any time pay into court a sum of money in satisfaction of the cause of action in respect of which the plaintiff claims or, where two or more causes of action are joined in the action, a sum or sums of money in satisfaction of any or all of those causes of action...

"(5) Where a single sum of money is paid into court under this rule in respect of two or more causes of action, then, if it appears to the court that the plaintiff is embarrassed by the payment, the court may ... order the defendant to amend the notice of payment so as to specify the sum paid in respect of each cause of action."

Mr Anthony Elleray, QC and Mr Giles Maynard-Connor for the plaintiffs; Mr Michael Mark for the defendants.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, having described the substantive claims of the plaintiffs for breach of contract, said that the defendants had made three payments into court, totalling £110,000 excluding interest.

Each payment had been expressed to have been made in satisfaction of all the plaintiffs' causes of action. No apportionment had been made between the claims of the two plaintiffs.

The plaintiffs' solicitors had written to the defendants' solicitors formally confirming that the plaintiffs rejected the payment into court.

At a subsequent discussion between the parties' solicitors the plaintiffs' solicitors had sought an apportionment of the sum in court between the two plaintiffs.

The reason for that was that the two plaintiffs' claims did not stand altogether on the same footing. There was, or might be, a difference in the amount of the loss each plaintiff had sustained.

When the third payment into court had been made, the plaintiffs and their experts had considered that £110,000 represented more than the amount the two plaintiffs together would recover if the court ordered damages to be assessed as of the date of the breach, plus interest.

The payment had been rejected because the second plaintiff had been, and was, pursuing a claim for damages or compensation assessed on a more favourable basis. So he wished to go on. Accordingly, in the absence of apportionment, there had been nothing that the first plaintiff, acting alone, could have accepted.

From that it seemed reasonably clear, as the court had been told, that had the £110,000 been apportioned on a 50/50 basis between the two plaintiffs the first plaintiff would have accepted the £55,000 apportioned to his claims.

The defendants' solicitors had declined to apportion the payment into court as asked. The plaintiffs had then applied to the court for an order that the defendants should amend their notice of payment so as to specify the sum paid in respect of the causes of action of the first plaintiff on the one hand and the second plaintiff on the other.

More than one plaintiff

Order 22, rule 1 made no express provision for an action in which there was more than one plaintiff. The expression used throughout the rule was "the plaintiff".

However, the Rules of the Supreme Court expressly provided for the joinder of two or more persons as plaintiffs or as defendants in suitable cases in the same way as a plaintiff might join in one and the same action more than one cause of action against the same defendant: see Order 15, rules 1 and 4.

The first point raised by the appeal was whether, in the references to "the plaintiff" in Order 22, rule 1, the singular included the plural, so that a defendant might make a single payment into court even when there was more than one plaintiff.

The plaintiffs contended that a defendant had no power to make a single payment into court in respect of more than one cause of action where there was more than one plaintiff. They had drawn attention to note 22/1/12 to Order 22, rule 1 in *The Supreme Court Practice 1993*, which asserted that where there were two or more plaintiffs suing severally or in the alternative, there was no power to make one payment in in respect of the claims of all the plaintiffs and cited *The Bosworth (No 1)* ([1961] 1 WLR 312) and *The Talamba* ([1965] P 433) in support of that proposition. A statement to similar effect appeared in *Halsbury's Laws*.

His Lordship approached the question of interpretation of Order 22 having in mind the provision of the Interpretation Act 1978 that references to the singular included the plural, unless the context otherwise required. In his view the context did not require otherwise in the order in question.

If the expression "the plaintiff" in rule 1 was read as meaning "the plaintiffs" where there was more than one plaintiff in the action, the consequence was that at his option the defendant might make the payment in respect of all the causes of action, or any one or more of them, as he chose.

Should the defendant choose not to apportion his payment to the claims of a particular plaintiff, any resultant embarrassment for the plaintiffs could be cured by an application to the court under rule 1(5).

If, however, the contrary and narrower interpretation of rule 1 were adopted, there would be no mechanism for making a payment into court where there was more than one plaintiff in an action, even in a case where the plaintiffs were claiming jointly, for example a claim by joint owners of land in respect of trespass to their land. That could not be right.

In his Lordship's view neither *The Bosworth (No 1)* nor *The Talamba* was authority for the proposition referred to in *The Supreme Court Practice*. That proposition was incorrect.

His Lordship agreed with Mr Justice Morritt that, properly construed, Order 22, rule 1 did enable a payment to be made into court, where there was more than one plaintiff, in satisfaction of the cause of action in respect of which the plaintiffs claimed or, where two or more causes of action were joined in the action, in satisfaction of any or all of those causes of action.

Embarrassment

The court's power to direct amendment of a notice under rule 1(5) only arose if it appeared to the court that the plaintiff was embarrassed by the payment. The expression "embarrassed" was not defined in the rules. In that context, the underlying concept was that a plaintiff was embarrassed if he was placed in a difficulty which he ought not fairly to have to face.

In the ordinary way, one of two co-plaintiffs, suing in respect of a separate cause of action, might discontinue if he so wished. He did not need the concurrence of the other plaintiff.

In the instant case, as the payment into court was currently framed, the first plaintiff was effectually deprived of the opportunity to accept any part of the payment and withdraw, if his co-plaintiff wished to continue with his own separate cause of action.

That was also embarrassing for the second plaintiff, in a different way. He was placed in the unhappy position that if he wished to continue with his claim, he knew he would thereby compel his co-plaintiff to continue, against the latter's wishes.

In his Lordship's view the established approach was that if a defendant wished to have the advantages flowing from a payment into court, he was obliged to make a payment in a form which did not embarrass the plaintiffs.

In the instant case where there were separate plaintiffs, each pursuing his own separate cause of action, the payment should be in a form which enabled each plaintiff to know where he stood, so that he could accept the payment and bow out if he wished.

The defendants were not entitled to insist on making a payment in a form by which they said, in effect, to the plaintiffs: "You must both accept the payment or the action will have to be continued by both of you". The defendant might make a payment which had that effect, but that was always subject to the overriding power of the court under rule 1(5).

His Lordship was not to be taken as indicating that in every case where there were two plaintiffs joined together with separate causes of action, there would be embarrassment if a payment was not apportioned between them. There might well be cases where that was not so.

His Lordship was unable to agree with the judge's conclusion that there was no embarrassment of the plaintiffs and would exercise his discretion in their favour.

The defendants should have an opportunity of revising the sum paid into court and should be permitted to amend the notices of payment accordingly, and withdraw payments in court accordingly.

Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Lord Justice Peter Gibson agreed.

Solicitors: Blake Lapthorn for Addlestone-Keane, Leeds; Booth & Co, Leeds.

Highways agreement creates public right

Overseas Investment Services Ltd v Simcobuild Construction Ltd and Another

Before Judge Colyer, QC

[Judgment October 22]

An agreement made pursuant to section 38 of the Highways Act 1980 created a public right which was an overriding interest within section 70(1)(a) of the Land Registration Act 1925.

Therefore, where an owner of land entered into an agreement with a highway authority, pursuant to the section, whereby land was to be dedicated as a public highway maintainable at the public expense at some future date, and before that date was reached the land was transferred to a subsequent purchaser, and the agreement had not been registered in the charges register, the subsequent purchaser was bound by the agreement.

Judge Colyer, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Chancery Division, so held on a claim in trespass by Overseas Investment Services Ltd against Simcobuild Construction Ltd and Swansea City Council. Simcobuild took no part in the proceedings.

Mr Nigel Davis, QC and Miss Patricia Carswell for Overseas Investment; Miss Elizabeth Appleby, QC and Mr Robin Campbell for Swansea.

HIS LORDSHIP said that an agreement dated June 23, 1983 was made between Overseas Investment's predecessors in title to a property known as White Gates in Swansea and Swansea City Council acting as the local highway authority pursuant to section 38 of the Highways Act 1980.

By that agreement a road passing over the land was dedicated as a public highway to be maintainable at the public expense. Clause 15 provided: "Upon the issue of the final certificate ... the owners hereby give up and dedicate to the public land on which the works are intended to be constructed or such part of such land as shall be covered by the final certificate ... to the intent that the said land shall become a public highway..."

The section 38 agreement was never registered as a notice, caution or any kind of minor interest on the charges register.

The land was subsequently transferred to Overseas Investment which was registered as proprietor on January 18, 1988.

On June 13, 1988 the final certificate referred to in clause 15 was issued by the city council.

Did the section 38 agreement create an interest in land which was void against the subsequent purchaser of the land for non-registration or was it binding on it as an overriding interest under section 70(1)(a)?

The right claimed under section 70(1)(a) was a public right, namely a right to have the road constructed and, subject only to its completion to the city council's satisfaction, dedicated to the public.

The present case involved registered land but similar principles would apply *mutatis mutandis* if the land were unregistered land under the Land Charges Act 1972.

On a proper construction of clause 15 of the section 38 agreement, the moment at which the agreement became operative was not the date of the agreement but the date of issue of the final certificate by the city council. However the agreement did not provide for a change of ownership during the interval.

Section 38(3) of the 1980 Act clearly envisaged a lapse of time during which the highway might not have come into existence or the date specified in the agreement for the highway becoming maintainable at the public expense might not have been reached. But the section also made no provision for the transfer of proprietorship during that period.

His Lordship held that the section 38 agreement was an overriding interest within section 70(1)(a) of the Land Registration Act 1925. It did bind Overseas Investment and the city council was entitled to a declaration that a highway existed over the access road.

Solicitors: Morgan Bruce, Swansea; Mr B. H. Owen, Swansea.

Practice Direction

In *Practice Direction (Crime: Antecedents)* [*The Times* October 26] the following was inadvertently omitted and the "Ancillary matters" heading should be numbered 4:

3 Additional information

(a) Paragraph 12 [of NIB74C] should identify any current orders breached, outstanding offences known and liability for driving disqualification, if known. Details of outstanding fines would not be shown.

(b) Where more than four previous convictions were recorded, paragraph 13 had to contain a summary of total convictions recorded under the following heads: offences against the person; offences against property; fraud and kindred offences; theft and kindred offences; public disorder offences; others.

(c) Paragraph 13 should also show details of the time spent in custody on the impending case.

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Creditors are only entitled to vote if: a) they have delivered to us at the address shown below, no later than 1200 hours on 17 November 1993, written details of the debts they claim to be due to them from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 5.11 of the Insolvency Rules 1986; and b) there has been lodged with us any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
Date: 28th October 1993
L Gibson,
Joint Administrative Receiver
NOTE: Creditors may obtain a copy of the report, free of charge, on application to the administrative receivers at the address shown above.

Greystone Environmental Ltd
The Insolvency Act
and Rules 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that Mark Pearce Riley of Clark Whitehill & Co, 25 New Street Square, London EC4A 3LN was appointed liquidator of the above company by the creditors on 26 October 1993.
Dated: 26 October 1993
Mark Pearce Riley, Liquidator

MAJOR AND GOODING SHOPFITTING COMPANY LTD
The Insolvency Act 1986
This is to certify that a meeting of the Creditors and Contributories of the above-named Company held on Friday 22nd October 1993 Jamie Taylor of Messrs Taylor Gotham, Warren House, 10/20 Main Road, Hockley, Essex, SS5 4RY having provided written statement that he is qualified to act as an insolvency practitioner in relation to the above-named Company under the provisions of the Insolvency Act 1986, and that he consents so to act, was appointed liquidator of the Company.
Dated the 22nd October 1993
Charles Goodfire, Chairman

Michael William Waller Farrow
In Bankruptcy
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Michael William Young of Morton Thornton & Co, Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD, was appointed Trustee of Michael William Waller Farrow at a meeting of creditors held on 17 September 1993.
DATED this 27th day of October 1993
M W Young, Trustee

No. 006289 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
Mr. Registrar Buckley
IN THE MATTER OF TRENCHERWOOD PLC
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division dated the 27th day of October 1993, confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £24,656,487.00 to £22,184,000.216 and the reduction of the share premium account of the above named Company by £29,278,191.84, and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act, were registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 28th day of October 1993.
Travers Smith Braithwaite
1 November 1993
Solicitors for the Company

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF TARLORT LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)
On 26 October 1993 the company was placed in creditors' voluntary liquidation. Anthony Victor Lomas of Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL has been appointed liquidator.
Creditors of the company are requested to send details in writing, of their claims against the company to the liquidator at the above address.
Claims need not be in any particular form, but creditors wishing to claim VAT bad debt relief are requested to complete the form issued by the liquidator. The liquidator reserves his right to require a creditor to support his or her claim by affidavit.
Dated 29 October 1993
A V Lomas, Liquidator

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NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF TARLORT LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)
The liquidator of Tarlort Limited gives notice under the provisions of Rule 4.182 and Rule 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that he intends to make a final dividend to the preferential and unsecured creditors of the company on 30 November 1993.
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Dated 29 October 1993
A V Lomas, Liquidator

Notice under Section 46 of
The Insolvency Act 1986
Registered Number: 1163299.
Trading Name: Advanced Lighting Industries.
Notice is hereby given that on 28 September 1993, Martin Fishman and John Talbot of Arthur Andersen, PO Box 58, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of the above company by Barclays Bank plc under the powers conferred in a debenture dated 13 October 1980 containing fixed and floating charges over the assets and undertakings of the company.
Dated this 28 day of September 1993
M Fishman and J A Talbot
Joint Administrative Receivers

Notice of Appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers
A & M MACHINING SERVICES LIMITED
We, David Nisbet and Christopher George Taylor Haworth of Halpern Woolf & Partners, Halpern House, 301-305 Euston Road, London NW1 3SS were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of A & M Machining Services Limited, registered number: 1986724 by Nicholas Stephen Michael Moore on 27th October 1993.
D. Nisbet
Joint Administrative Receiver

The Insolvency Act 1986
Notice of Administration Order
In the matter of
Fatty Investments Limited
Nature of Business: Property development and investment.
Administration Order Made: 18 October 1993. Date: 25 October 1993
Joint Administrators

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
CPG STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 24th November 1993 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA, of 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 25th day of October 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Natalie Blower, DIRECTOR.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
CAPITAL OFFICE SUPPLIES LIMITED
IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ian Frances and Allan Clark, Licensed Insolvency Practitioners of Ian Frances Associates, Conduit House, 24 Conduit Place, London W2 1EP and Booth White, 142-148 Main Road, Sidcup, Kent DA14 6NZ respectively, were appointed Joint Liquidator's of the above-named Company on 7th October 1993.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to Ian Frances of Conduit House, 24 Conduit Place, London W2 1EP, I Frances and A Clark
Joint Liquidators

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that any person who has in their possession any of the effects of the company must deliver them to me. Any creditor of the company must forward their Proof of Debt to me.
Dated this 26th day of October 1993
G P Henderson, Liquidator

LEGAL NOTICES

The Insolvency Act 1986
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T/As C.M. ASSOCIATES LTD
(In Liquidation)
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M R Dorrington, Liquidator

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NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT on or after 2 February, 1994 the Public Trustee intends, pursuant to Section 122 of the Public Trustee Act 1978 to proceed to distribute the assets in the Estate of Walter Selwyn Osmond Davies late of Evanlea, Brisbane in the state of Queensland having regard only to the persons whose claims have then been established to his satisfaction or who then appear to him to have the best claim by law.
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Tough fight for market share

Recession has brought new pressures and difficulties to the market for courier and express deliveries, and some radical changes in response. The most noticeable, not surprisingly, is tough competition between the leading operators.

Britain's parcel delivery market is estimated to be worth £1.35 billion a year in sales. In the latest survey of its prospects, carried out by Mintel for Home Express, the Littlewoods subsidiary, there are accusations of low price offerings, and an "unrealistic" structuring of the industry which could lead to its "potential devaluation".

This is borne out by the accusation by a leading operator in the international express delivery business that a competitor is fighting on price "simply to buy market share".

The most visible sign of the pressures is the decision last year by Federal Express, the American giant, to minimise losses by largely pulling out of individual national markets in Europe to concentrate on key countries around the world.

Federal Express is one of the big four in international express delivery, using more than 450 aircraft, one of the world's biggest cargo-only fleets. It sold most of its UK domestic operation — retaining only the London region — to Securicor Omega Express, which claims to be the UK's biggest private-sector next-day parcels carrier.

Leading operators have had to cut back in the face of recession, says Derek Harris

Many other businesses have suffered. In the UK that has been especially true of the hundreds of generally highly-localised fast-delivery services that often use motorcycles to ferry documents and small parcels. Their numbers are probably down by more than half, industry estimates suggest.

The plus for the courier and express industry is that it is one of the first to taste any upturn in business. This has been evident in Britain, though less so on the Continent, especially in Germany, France and Spain, where recession now has more grip.

The Federal Express move has mitigated the over-capacity in the industry. United Parcel Service (UPS) of America, the world's largest package-distribution company, has been tackling losses overseas for several years — particularly in its European operations.

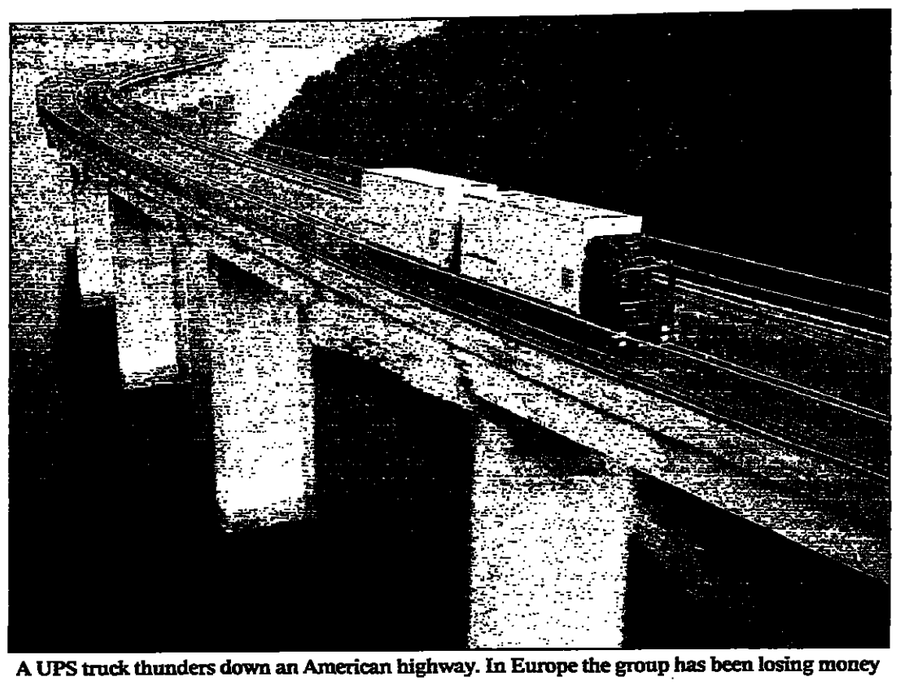
The two other big international operators competing hard in these difficult markets are DHL, based in Brussels, and the Australian-owned TNT. The strong suit of DHL is international express delivery of documents and small parcels, while TNT is like UPS in that, in addition to international services, it has more direct domestic operations in many countries.

DHL's latest quarterly export indicator survey, carried out by Gallup, shows that Britain offers courier and express services the best prospects of benefits from increased trading as Britain emerges from recession.

The European Community remains the key growth market for British manufacturers.

Peter Davies, managing director of DHL International (UK), says: "Although recovery seems far from robust there is nevertheless a slow, if uneven, upward trend in the expectations of exports for increased sales."

DHL sales grew 24 per cent last year despite increased competition, and this year should still see a rise of up to 18 per cent, according to Mr Davies. He says: "We are seeing greater growth in the Far East and America than in Europe."



A UPS truck thunders down an American highway. In Europe the group has been losing money

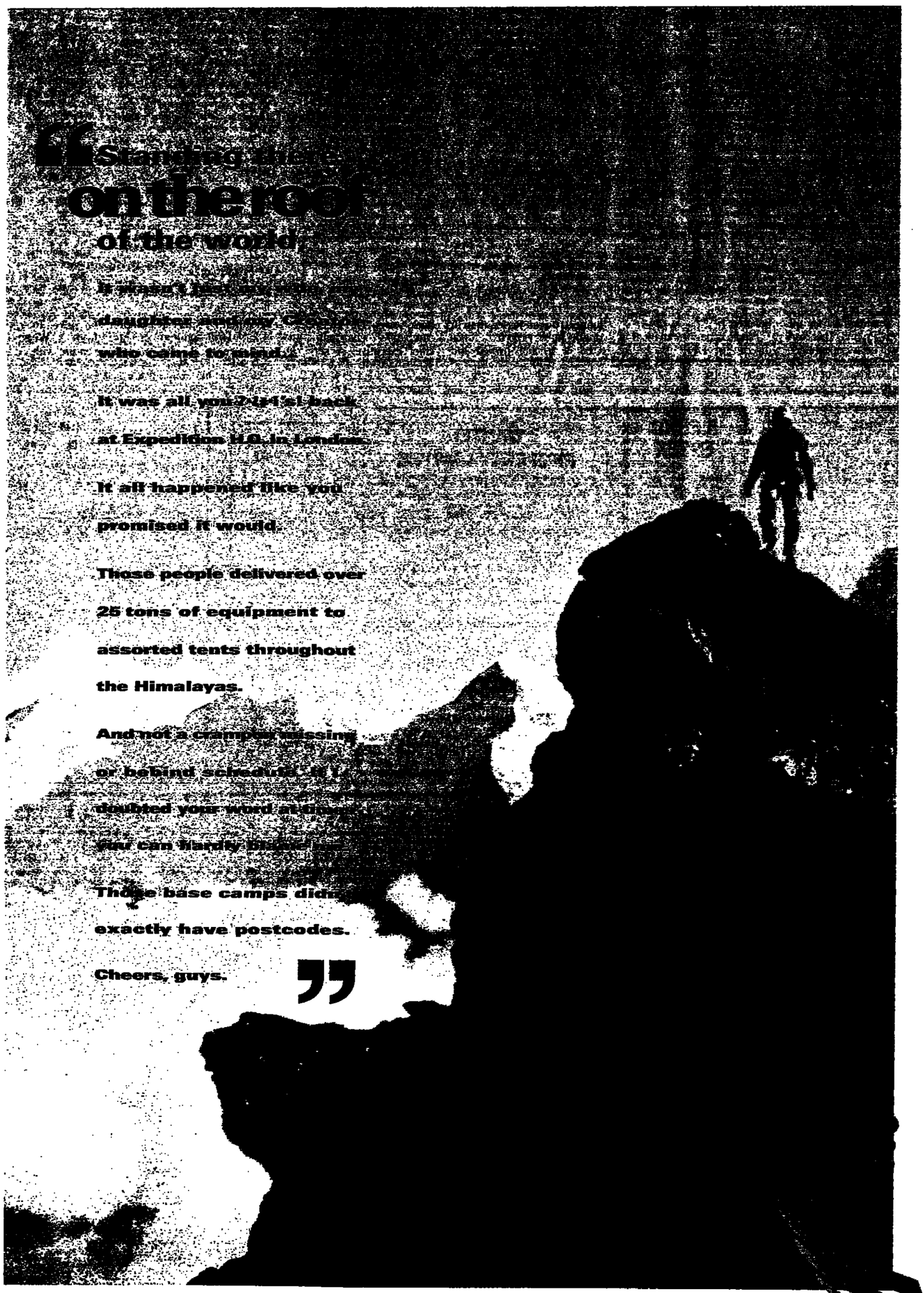
The Home Express survey paints a picture of sharp price competition in Britain as the parcel delivery companies fight to maintain market share ahead of the trading upsets which impending privatisation moves are expected to bring. Privatisation is expected of the Post Office's Parcelforce, the biggest parcel-deliverer in Britain, which accounts for more than a third of the market, and British Rail's Red Star service.

Home Express, whose core activity has been home deliveries linked with Littlewoods' catalogue shopping, has been substantially widening its operations, and the survey now puts it among Britain's top half-dozen parcels distribution companies. Securicor Omega Express is number two with, the survey suggests, 15 per cent of the market, followed by TNT Express and Parceline-Interlink, which is part of Mayne Nickless of Australia. UPS, which acquired Carryfast, is also among the top half-dozen UK parcels-carriers.

Bill Kelly, manager and director-general of Home Express, says: "Many carriers are offering low prices irrespective of their own overheads simply to win customers. This creates an unrealistic pricing structure for the industry and could lead to a potential devaluation of the market."

Prospects look brighter in the medium term, however, according to the survey. Over the past seven years British parcels volume has risen 40 per cent to the current 525 million parcels and value by 68 per cent. Over the next four years the market is expected to expand by about 25 per cent, with an estimated 675 million parcels likely to be delivered in 1997.

● *Home Express Parcel Delivery Market Report 1993; free from Home Express, 24-27 Rufford Court, Hardwick Grange, Woolston, Warrington, Cheshire WA1 4RF.*



Technology to the rescue

Computers and bar-codes are helping keep track of deliveries



A Red Star operator tracks deliveries on his computer

When the express industry began, speed was the key and the jet became its symbol. Today speed is taken for granted. Knowledge is the selling point, symbolised by bar-codes and computers.

In large express-service depots today, labels for route, destination, speed of journey, price and other factors can be bar-coded and automatically read at each stage of their journey by passing them through a light-beam, like groceries at a supermarket check-out.

Red Star, the British Rail carrier, boasts that its tracking, built round a British Rail mainframe, is the most detailed in the industry. Ian Keeble, the computer development manager, says: "As well as those in each parcels office, there are now terminals for the customers' premises which not only print labels for the customer to stick on, but allow him to choose the train times and to interrogate our data base to find where his parcel is at each stage in the process. The terminal also prints his bill."



A notepad computer registers a signature

AVL, or Automatic Vehicle Location, is the peaceful development of a system which, during the Gulf war, enabled units on the move in featureless desert behind enemy lines to know precisely where they were, even in darkness.

Several companies are examining AVL's possibilities. Datatrak, a Securicor offshoot, went into AVL in 1990. Police, ambulance services and van fleet controllers now use it to see exactly where each vehicle is at every moment. A controller is able to tell which vehicle is nearest to a call by watching flashing symbols moving along roads on a computer map.

"But there is a range of other uses," says Ken Hills, Datatrak's marketing manager. "A company transporting chilled food has equipment in its trucks which comes to life only if the chilled compartment temperature goes up too far. That alerts the vehicle's headquarters and shows its position on a computer screen, so that the truck can be redirected to the nearest cold store to safeguard the cargo.

"Securicor trucks use vehicle location: if one is attacked, we can locate it and guide the police to it. Another variation we have recently launched is normally dormant: if the vehicle's immobiliser has been disabled and the vehicle is moving, it signals a monitoring bureau which can tell the police and track the car."

All refinements in checking consignments or vehicles have a greater value as "just in time" (JIT) becomes the tool for greater industrial efficiency.

Ideally, all the pieces necessary to make a car, washing-machine, refrigerator or any industrial product should come together on the production line just in time to be assembled. If they arrive too soon, they occupy valuable space and are money locked up; warehouses do not pay interest. If they are too late, the factory stops. Hilary Briggs, logistics director for Rover large cars at Cowley, says: "JIT enables us to halve the amount of inventory. Ten per cent by volume of parts used comes in direct, but that accounts for 70 per cent of the value — things like wheels, exhausts, engines, seats. We've closed half the site area, and doubled production at the same time.

"To make JIT work, you and your suppliers must have a total quality approach. Parts have to be good quality. With no stocks, trouble with one part could potentially stop Rover."

Not only assembly lines need JIT. David Allen, logistics manager at DHL, says: "In computers, it used to be the practice to supply spare-parts kits in every part of the field where you were supporting customers. Most never got used; you ended with enormous obsolescence. If you make stock more mobile, there are great savings."

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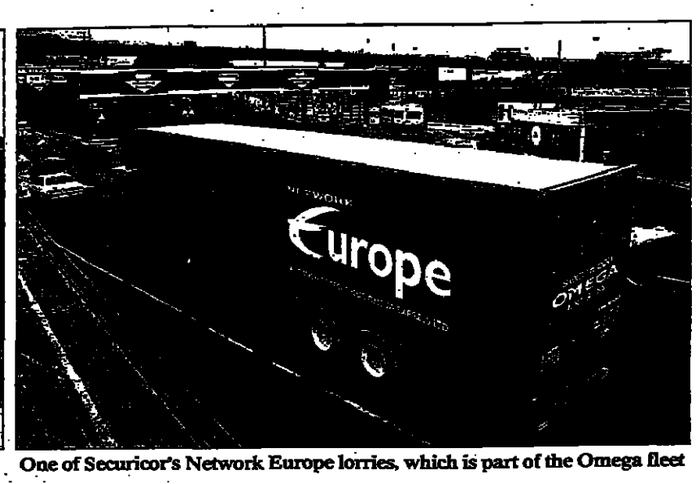
Rodney Hobson and **Derek Harris** look at the European prospects for courier operations and the big names in the game



United Parcel Service: loading packages into its Pan-European service planes

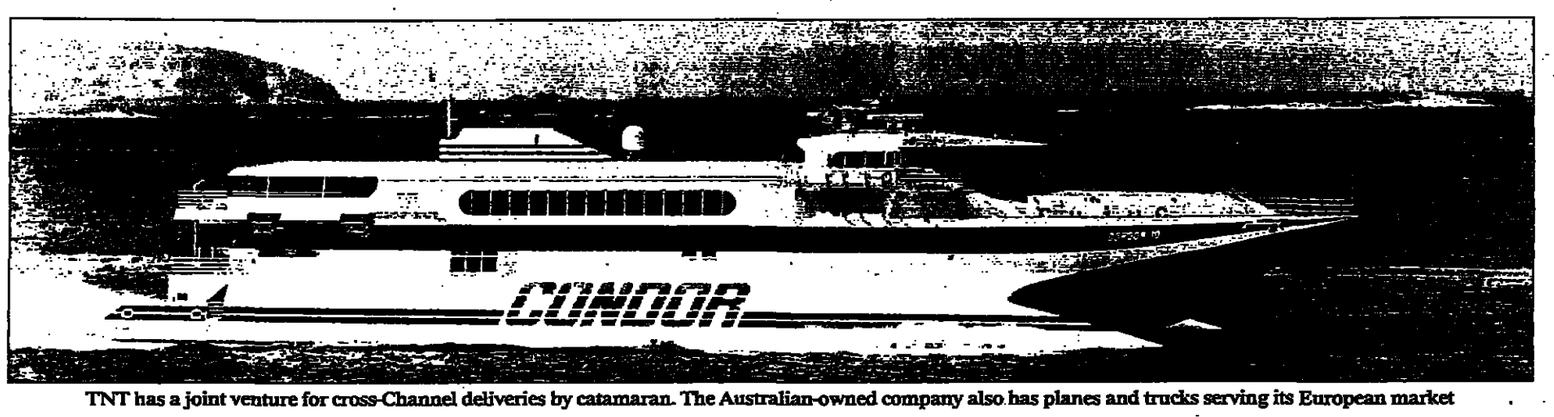


Peter Davies, managing director of DHL, at its headquarters in west London



One of Securicor's Network Europe lorries, which is part of the Omega fleet

Road or air: choices for the future



TNT has a joint venture for cross-Channel deliveries by catamaran. The Australian-owned company also has planes and trucks serving its European market

Bigger and better is how the courier services see the European market, *Rodney Hobson writes*. But although the falling of national barriers in the West and the opening up of former communist countries in the East should mean rapidly growing opportunities, there will be intense competition. This is likely to bring prices down and encourage couriers to step up the use of technology and innovations.

At present, the courier market is highly fragmented, with no single company holding more than 5 per cent. But as the barriers come down, strategic alliances are being formed and rates are expected to fall.

Such hopes rest, in part, on an expected push by road hauliers to grab some of the freight now sent by air. The fall of barriers in the European Community has led the larger carriers to establish or strengthen land-based distribution systems. Since lorries are no longer held up by customs controls, access to nearly all parts of the market is now possible within two days.

Securicor Omega Express claims it saw a 30 per cent increase in exports from Britain in the first six months after it reorganised its European network at the end of last year.

Pat Howes, the chief executive, says: "The single European market means that we now operate within one, much larger, domestic market. It is logical now to move responsibility for UK trunking to its natural place as an integral part of the European network."

Securicor has been seeking links with national carriers within the EC. In July, for instance, it formed a partnership with Trans-o-flex, the German carrier, for collection and delivery of road-based consignments between six of the main European countries.

> Prices will come down and couriers will step up the use of technology

Amtrak, another British parcels carrier, has introduced a new European express road and ferry service called Amtrak Roadlink to operate in conjunction with continental delivery agents alongside its existing European courier and express operations. United Carriers also established a link with its continental counterparts earlier this year to launch General Parcel, while Seabourne Express is using the rail network to develop delivery services to Belgium, France, Germany and Italy.

Emery Worldwide, based in the US, has set up a road-based European network called Cross-Continent Service with the aim of extending its business into Eastern Europe.

But not everyone believes that good logistics in the EC mean going by road. In August, DHL opened the first big sorting office in Scandinavia for air express distribution. This Nordic hub will be at Copenhagen airport, as part of a £400 million programme for European investment for the period up to 1995. It will service a market growing at 20 per cent a year.

DHL says that the days when air express carriers were just for sending documents overseas have long gone. They are now an essential link in the "just in time" philosophy that allows manufacturers and suppliers to keep stock levels to a minimum.

Manufacturers now recognise that large freight volumes can be shipped via air express carriers. Car manufacturers are among important customers. DHL says it delivers for BMW, Fiat, Ford, General Motors, Mercedes, Porsche, Saab and Toyota. Computer and peripherals manufacturers have also long been key customers of the air freight business.

Peter Davies, the managing director of DHL, says: "By utilising air express, manufacturers can minimise the time and money they have to spend on building up expensive transport networks, inventories and warehousing."

Since the onset of the single European market, cross-border trade has been developing, but more slowly than expected, *Derek Harris writes*.

The two big American freighting companies, Federal Express and United Parcel Service (UPS), clearly thought like most of the industry that Europe would quickly replicate the vast American market and start to generate good profits.

The reality was much leaner pickings in the short term, and that led Federal Express to pull out of purely domestic markets in Europe, while UPS had to face up to a longer run of losses than it might have expected. Since UPS is privately-owned and belongs to its managers and supervisors, it can take a longer view, especially since it has a low debt-equity ratio.

The European market for packages and documents is running at about £49 billion a year, according to UPS estimates. About 85 per cent of these goods travel within a single country, but the rest, those which cross European borders, still account for about £7 billion a year. UPS believes the total market will more than double to £103 billion by the end of the century, and that as the single market gathers force the intra-European element should grow to about £19 billion, or 18 per cent of the total.

"We are completely committed to Europe and there will be no pulling back," says "Ox" Nelson, the company's chairman and chief executive. A series of acquisitions in key European countries, designed to give UPS a strong domestic presence in national markets, culminated with the purchase in June last year of the British company, Carryfast. "Our European interests are now of sufficient size and volume for them to be made profitable in a short period of time," Mr Nelson comments.

UPS turnover in Europe was £720 million in the past year, and £1 billion is forecast for this year, a near 30 per cent increase. Some estimates suggest that UPS has spent more than £650 million on its European developments. That is about what its total world capital expenditure is each year, and Mr Nelson says it will continue, with up to £1 billion a year in prospect in four to six years.

> 'All of us in the industry can no longer just be punctual carriers'

Like its international competitors, UPS has been spending heavily on the latest technologies. These include tracking and tracing systems relying on stage readings of bar-coded parcels. John Lockhart, vice-president of UPS Europe, says: "The more electronic the system, the more costs can be reduced for the customer, and the more can be offered to the customer in added-value services."

Peter Davies, managing director of DHL International (UK), says: "All of us in this industry can no longer just be carriers who get there on time. We have to learn to understand the needs of our clients and the requirements of their customers and what makes each industry tick. The whole business is becoming far more sophisticated."

This level of commitment demands high levels of investment, which is why Mr Davies says DHL has not joined in any price war. He prefers to offer higher grades of service.

DHL invested £6 million in the UK alone last year, with another £8 million likely this year and a further £7 million committed for next year.

TNT is another company which says it differentiates on the quality of its services, and not on price. Its range is wide: from a White Arrow joint venture with GUS, the stores chain that plays a big part in mail order, to running road deliveries for 60 per cent of Britain's national newspapers. TNT also delivers for continental post offices.

When will Whitehall deliver?

Red Star and Parcelforce are waiting for privatisation

If Parcelforce and Red Star took as long to deliver as the government, there would be no delivery service left to privatise. Despite official pronouncements that these offshoots of, respectively, the Post Office and British Rail would be sold off, they both remain in the public sector. Plans to sell them were applauded with gusto at the Conservative party conference — but last year's, not this.

Since then newspaper reports have included assurances that privatisation of Red Star in particular was gathering momentum, and that many potential bidders were ready to pounce, but concrete steps have been few and far between.

Red Star was, and officially still is, due to be privatised by the end of this year. The end of August was set as the deadline for bids. But earlier talk of up to three dozen interested parties proved wildly optimistic. British Rail said "several" bids were received, but all asked for more time to consider the welter of information. A management team and Amtrak are believed to have bid, but none of the big names in the express parcels business has indicated any real interest.

A new deadline for offers, in mid-October, has now passed and British Rail says "a number" of potential buyers are still on their books. But details of the bids are still not being disclosed.

The position regarding Parcelforce is even more obscure. Decisions have been delayed by the illness of Michael Heseltine, the trade and industry secretary, and the departure of his junior minister, Edward Leigh.

Price Waterhouse, the accountants, and Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank, have been asked to examine the best way to privatise the Royal Mail and Parcelforce. It now seems, however, that the Royal Mail will stay in public hands, possibly with greater financial freedom, although Parcelforce may yet be up for grabs.


Where next? — the future seems uncertain for Red Star and Parcelforce

The problems have been various, though generally foreseeable. Delays to the privatisation of the Post Office and British Rail, amid arguments over the best way to sell them off, have overshadowed the potential sales of the parts. Parcelforce sells its services through Post Office counters as well as through its own depots. Red Star depends on the rail service for transport. Potential buyers of the parcel delivery services want to know what they are buying. Many buyers are also concerned that they may have to pick up the redundancy costs as they streamline the operations. Last, but not least, both Parcelforce and Red Star have lost money, although they have cut their deficits. Parcelforce lost £13m in its last financial year, Red Star £9m.

> 'The job must be done whoever owns us'

Critics say the uncertainty has hit staff morale and has caused investment to be shelved. No one knows how many jobs will go. Yet both organisations insist it is business as usual.

Bill Tyler, communications manager at Red Star, says: "We have had meetings with the trade unions and we are keeping the staff informed.

"I have been in personnel for 30 years, and my experience tells me that in any industry staff turnover rises as morale falls. We have not noticed any increase in people leaving Red Star."

Kevin Williams, who took over as managing director of Parcelforce last month, says: "I think that staff have very much taken the line that they have got a job to do irrespective of who owns the business. They have a responsibility to provide a quality service and to meet the customers' needs."

Both say that investment plans have been kept going, particularly in high-tech areas such as bar-coding, tracking and tracing parcels. Mr Williams says: "We need to keep up this investment to stay up with the best."

Both organisations will, if sold, be guided to private ownership under new chiefs. Mr Williams, aged 45, moved over to Parcelforce from Royal Mail, where he rose from graduate trainee to operations director over 22 years. He took over a network of 13,000 staff and 9,000 vehicles handling more than 750,000 parcels a day.

About 95 per cent of Parcelforce's business comes from the business and commercial world. It is committed to delivering to any address within the UK, and claims 25 per cent of the market.

Red Star has an acting director, Richard Eccles, since the departure of Richard Burton, who had run the operation for 18 months. Red Star has a staff of 1,280 and a fleet of 500 vehicles, and carries 5 million parcels a year.

Mr Tyler says: "Privatisation of Red Star has not come to a dead halt. The uncertainty over the future of British Rail itself is not a difficulty at all as long as the bidders for Red Star are given a clear understanding that will be binding on whoever operates the railways. The passenger and station services are not part of this debate."

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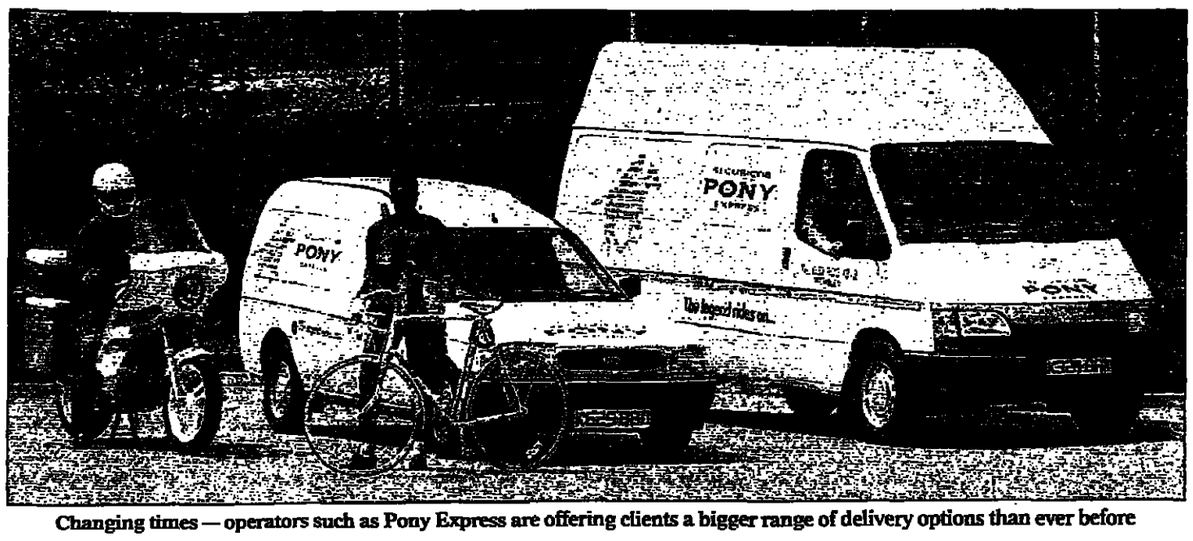
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Changing times — operators such as Pony Express are offering clients a bigger range of delivery options than ever before

As tiny courier operations have been hit by the recession, substantial professional companies have moved in. **Derek Harris** reports on a revolution on the streets

In greater London at the height of the last economic boom there were about 500 businesses, mostly small, whose motorcyclists speeded documents and parcels around the city. Now there are estimated to be fewer than 200 of these small operations, a decline for the friendly local "biker" which appears to have been replicated around most of the country.

Hastened by the effects of the recession, the instant delivery business is moving more into the hands of bigger companies, some with a wide geographical spread, that offer the reassurance of quality standards and recognisable branding on uniforms and vehicles. It could well be that, give or take an occasional metal-studded leather jacket, nothing ever will seem the same again.

The dwindling of paper-based information, as electronic systems supplant the use of paper, is another influential element in bringing change, according to A to Z, which claims to be the biggest courier in central London. "The developing business is in spare parts and machinery delivery," says Mark Godfrey, the finance director. "Half our business is now to do with this, in sectors like the computer and reprographics markets."

The tiny courier operations which were so typical in the past cannot match the performance of substantial professional operations, Mr Godfrey says. A to Z was recently certified by the British Standards Institution as meeting the BS5750 quality standard.

A to Z was acquired by Rentokil in July, but whether this sort of big-company backing will lead to its making forays into the regions outside London remains to be seen. Mr Godfrey says the company keeps the prospects of expansion under review.

Securicor Omega Express, which claims to be the biggest in next-day parcels deliveries in the United Kingdom, set up a fast, integrated service late last year under the Pony Express banner. Pony Express combines same-day courier deliveries — the archetypal motorcycle territory — with what had been an automotive parts express delivery operation serving the business to business sector.

> 'It is important to establish reliability and quality'

Smaller businesses have been offered a bigger range of delivery options, from overnight to several days. Pony Express has also tapped into Securicor's wider range of delivery services, one of which is Luggage Line, for delivering lost and found luggage from airports.

Mark Smith is managing director of Pony Express, and in focusing on customer satisfaction he set out to meet the BS5750 quality standard — successfully as it turned out. He is not stopping at that. "We are now working towards total quality management as the company gears up for more rapid expansion," he says.

Pony Express has made big inroads into the financial services sector, establishing contracts with banks and building societies especially. "This sort of partnership is the way to go," Mr Smith says. "Because it is so easy for almost anybody to set up in this business, it becomes particularly important to establish professionalism with both reliability and quality." Computer maintenance is proving a key area for Pony Express. The company sets up a spare parts store for some makers, which it then manages, and when computer engineers need an item, Pony Express delivers it.

There are 35 Pony Express branches around the country, but Mr Smith plans to add to this network by franchising. Six areas have been identified as being strong contenders for this, but initially three will be launched and operated for six months as a test. They are at Kingston-upon-Thames, Stoke-on-Trent and Chester. A further 15 franchised outlets are planned by the end of next year, and the aim is to have more than 60 Pony Express outlets within three years.

Apollo Despatch is a London-based company that has been expanding outside the capital, partly by taking the franchising route. "We are opening up in key commercial areas, like Glasgow, Manchester, Leeds, Birmingham and Southampton," says Alan Green, the managing director, "and franchising, started three years ago, has worked well. Some of them have outperformed our own company outlets."

Apollo now has four company-operated branches, including central London, and six franchises. Although it can bring some national accounts business to a newly-opened branch, Mr Green says that genuine national accounts are few and far between. Selling hard locally is the prime factor. He foresees steady growth for Apollo, with about two new openings a year to come.

Another expanding courier is Delta Air and Road Transport which, while London-based, has 22 offices, mostly in the south of England. Lately it has been moving further north, and now has operations in Manchester, Birmingham, Banbury, Oxford and Milton Keynes.

Winning with the 'Fred Factor'

How small firms are coping with the competition

Hard times have humbled great companies in the courier and express industry — Federal Express, the American giant, withdrew from Britain last year to lick its wounds — and wiped out small ones. Yet smaller companies collectively still hold a bigger share of the market than any one of their big rivals, and make profits.

How do they do it? The giants, such as DHL, Red Star, United Parcel Service, TNT and a handful of others, have the capital, the worldwide networks, the trucks and trains and planes, and the mainframe computers. What have the small fry got?

"What we've got," says one director of a small company, "is the Fred Factor. Our customers know when they ring us they won't get an anonymous voice. They'll get Fred, and they can say: 'We've got a problem, Fred. How quick can you do Brum to Marseilles for me?'."

Peter Jordan, the sales manager of Marken International Courier, puts the same idea more elegantly: "In a nutshell, smaller companies can compete by personal service and specialisation."

Peter Cowell, chief executive of Seabourne Express Courier, echoes that feeling. For Seabourne, he says, personal service "generated a very high level of client loyalty. Customers may be just a number to large institutions, but we believe a client paying for something is entitled to a personal service right down the line."

Specialisation is the other selling point for smaller operators: serving particular trades or geographical areas. Trans Africa Air Express, one smaller British company, specialises in that troubled and demanding continent. Manish Joshi, business development manager, says: "Operating costs are high, good staff hard to get, there are different languages, religions, politics and economic factors. And it has only some 2 per cent of world trade, so that it doesn't justify much investment by a carrier.

"But customers expect the same standard of service whether their consignment is going to France or to Africa. So other carriers prefer to use a company like ours."

Such specialisation works. Trans Africa has been running for eight years and expanded rapidly until the recession, with offices in London and Brussels, and ten more across Africa. Joint ventures and agents give it a presence in 53 African countries.

Marken International's specialisation is not geographical, but in the industries it mainly serves: the record trade, television, photographers, newspapers, magazines.

Mr Jordan says that he was working with Mark Adams and Ken Powell — hence the name Marken — for a Dutch courier when they realised there might be a niche for a small company handling important shipments for a few clients. Record companies were then using The Netherlands as a test ground, and Marken began handling records.

The same reports of growth despite recession come from one of the oldest courier companies, Overseas Courier Service. "We've been in the market some 37 years," says Bob McKinlay, sales and marketing manager. "1991 was our best-ever year. Then, last year was about 10 per cent up on that, and in the current year we are running 25-35 per cent up on last year."

OCS has two specialities. One is delivering time and security-sensitive documents. Customers include Warburgs, Imura, Robert Fleming and Kleinwort Benson. The other speciality is carrying subscriber newspapers and magazines. Mr McKinlay says that new tariffs and a new sales force increased weight carried from about 29,000 tons a month at the beginning of the year to 74,000 tons last month, "and it's still growing".

The reason? "Because we are a *small* giant — we have about 230 offices worldwide, and all the infrastructure, but don't have the high volume of the biggest operators — we can provide that bit extra," Mr McKinlay says.

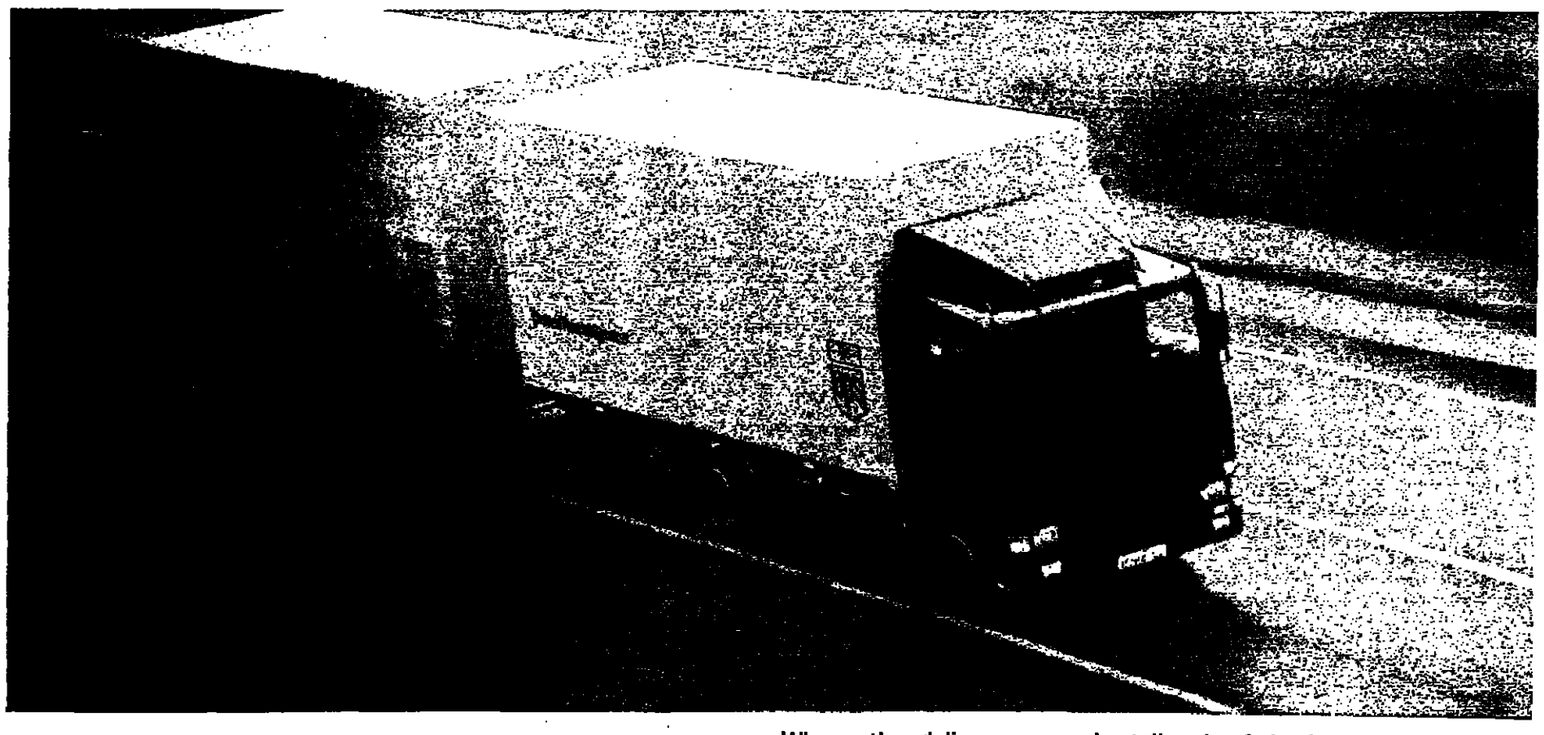
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Richard Cork hails a 'hugely enjoyable' exhibition of paintings by one of Britain's foremost living artists, Howard Hodgkin



Reading in Bed: Hodgkin regards painting as an intensely physical act. The blocks and bars of glowing colour seem to aspire to the thickness of the panel beneath

'Modern painting is usually expected to be fast, impulsive and unstoppable. Spurning the prolonged gestation period associated with the art of the past, contemporary painters are supposed to stake everything on spontaneity. The norm, as so often, was established by Picasso, who in later life thought nothing of producing several large canvases a week. The myth of the artist as human cornucopia, letting images well up in the subconscious and spill out incessantly onto the picture-surface, retains its potency intact.

With typical obstinacy, Howard Hodgkin resists this cliché at every turn. Far from rejoicing in a prolific output, he produces sparingly. His latest, hugely enjoyable exhibition at the Anthony d'Offay Gallery is his first one-man show in London for five years. Many of the paintings are surprisingly small by the overblown standards of today. And several were begun almost a decade ago.

> 'Hodgkin has always fought against Anglo-Saxon reticence'

The danger with such long germination is that the finished image could look laboured. Ever since the Pre-Raphaelites, the most Puritan English painters have doted on dogged execution, regarding slowness and pettifogging care as a moral virtue. But Hodgkin has a healthy horror of plodding art. Although his *Lovers* took an epic eight years to complete, it looks as if he carried it out in a single, blithely sustained bout of work.

Among the largest and most commanding pictures on view, this eruptive image seems to have been made with dashing assurance. The swathes of orange and green pigment curving across the panel are so irrepressible that they burst out of the frame. Their impact is orgiastic, and yet Hodgkin contrasts their glistening impasto with an undulating area handled in the thinnest manner imaginable. Reminiscent of naked flesh, at once glowing and vulnerable, this passage seems in places hardly touched by the brush. Bare wood plays as much of a pictorial role here as the white canvas in a late Cézanne.

Elsewhere, though, Hodgkin makes no attempt to disguise the layers lurking beneath the final application of paint. In *The last time I saw Paris*, a band of grey frames the scintillating radiance of the central image. But gaudy dots of scarlet or orange can be detected underneath this subdued border. Only at a late stage did Hodgkin decide to rid his picture of this festive edge, and we can still sense some of the conflict which led to the eventual act of alteration.

Diagonal ridges of overlaid pigment are likewise visible in the central part of the work, frankly at variance with the paint-flow applied on top of them. The contrast between these two states adds tension, accentuating the vivacity with which Hodgkin transforms his images. An infectious excitement with the act of painting is always conveyed, alongside a willingness to take risks rather than settle for the drab caution which English art so often relies on.

The outcome is consistently exuberant. Although London-born, and a student in the late 1940s at the notoriously restrained Camberwell School of Art, Hodgkin has fought against Anglo-Saxon reticence throughout his career. In one of the quotations which he has chosen to preface the handsome d'Offay catalogue, Anita Brookner describes the "happy few" who "remain emotionally alive, who never compromise, who never succumb to cynicism or the routines of the second-hand".

Now over 60, Hodgkin clearly aims at resisting the tendency of so many senior artists to settle for an easy formula. And on the evidence of this engrossing exhibition, he has succeeded with aplomb. Far from lapsing into repetition, and numbing the viewer with predictable solutions, these sprightly paintings are still able to challenge and provoke. They are the work of a man vigorously caught up as ever in the endlessly fascinating attempt to define the essence of his memories.

Another quotation in the catalogue is drawn from his friend Bruce Chatwin, lamenting the fact that nothing can "bring back the things we loved". It is a passionate, elegiac passage, terminating in the bleak belief that we cannot recover "the smell of the beanfields; the sweet, resinous smell of deodar wood burning, or the whiff of a snow leopard at 14,000 feet. Never. Never. Never." All the same, the charged and sensuous power of Chatwin's prose offers a remarkable persuasive evocation of the experiences he has cherished.

The same can be said, in visual terms, of Hodgkin's own art. He strives, each time, to arrive at an image which does justice to his rapt recollection of a place, person or event without resorting to literal representation. Sometimes, we can feel fairly confident about identifying a particular form within a painting. A round lump of pigment suspended like a blood-clot in *Venice sunset* can only be the flaring orb itself, descending towards the lagoon. More often, though, the work defies such interpretation. *Patrick in Italy* may refer to a memory of his fellow artist Caulfield on holiday, but the painting refuses to yield up its secrets.

If Hodgkin relies on recollections of the past, he ensures that his painting language brings us up against the forceful actuality of the marks deposited on the surface of the wood. There is nothing remote or nostalgic about his work. The gorgeous splash of deep blue and ultramarine floating at the heart of *Fisherman's Cove* looks as if it has only just been flung there, with inspired impetuosity. As for *Reading in Bed*, it shows how Hodgkin regards painting as an intensely physical act. The blocks and bars of glowing colour seem to aspire to the thickness of the panel beneath. There is a sturdiness about his work which looks built to last, countering the vagaries of memory with a fierce yet joyful affirmation that redeems the loss of the past.

● Howard Hodgkin *at Anthony d'Offay Gallery, Dering St, London W1 (071-499 4100) until Nov 24*

CONCERTS: The Barbican marks a notable anniversary; Perlman in dazzling form; the Leeds winner in London

Grieg from all angles

THE idea of building a weekend's Griegfest around a grand reprise of the complete *Peer Gynt* which glowed out of the Barbican's *Festival of* Scandinavian Arts a year ago was, of course, irresistible in the year of the composer's 150th anniversary. The Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra and Neeme Järvi were flown over once again: Knut Buen and his Hardanger fiddle revved up the wedding dance; Gerard Murphy swung into the passages of narration in Laurence Howes's robust Ibsen translation. We were off.



Edvard Grieg: first version of Piano Concerto revived

Solveig Kringelborn sang Solveig's Song as to the *hytte* born, and Karl-Magnus Fredriksson enjoyed his single serenade as Peer. The spoken Peer, bluff and north country as ever, was this time recreated by Alex Jennings. Without quite the sharpness of response and keen sense of verbal timing which Simon Callow brought to the role a year ago, his words failed to generate quite the necessary momentum; and even Järvi's conducting seemed rather more comfortable, less urgent.

Perhaps such an event-with-in-an-event can never be repeated in quite the same spirit. But the Grieg Weekend had plenty of firsts of its own. It began with the UK premiere of the original 1872 version of Grieg's Piano Concerto. The surprise and delight lay in the lightness and simplicity of the scoring — for only 35 players — and the playing of Leif Ove Andsnes. Each episode was characterised as if in a first encounter.

The concerto sat well, too, in the context of two Grieg-associated *Schnittke* works played with a meticulous eye for detail and robust commitment by the Guildhall Symphony Orchestra under János Furst. Following the powerful stylistic and thematic synthesis of the "Epilogue from *Peer Gynt* for orchestra and tape", came the UK premiere of *Hommage à Grieg*, a short tribute commissioned for this year's Bergen Festival, its tender quotation of a Grieg folk melody soured at the edges by a sweet violin solo.

Saturday night brought two more first performances in a concert given in St Giles Cripplegate by Bit 20, Norway's foremost contemporary music ensemble. On the basis, perhaps, that Grieg's still neglected song cycle *Haugtussa* needs a little more of a hard sell, Kjell Flem had assiduously arranged it for flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, horn and strings, as well as the original piano accompaniment. Even without the swirling waters of the church's acoustics, not only the singer (soprano Siri Torjesen) but the songs, with their elusive sensuality, were all but drowned in this over-zealous exercise.

Arne Nordheim's *Magic Island*, a beautifully judged tableau for chamber group and electronically adapted voices, was given a welcome hearing; and it was balanced by the world premiere of the revised version of Rolf Wallin's 1989 *Onda di ghiaccio (Ice Wave)*, an exquisitely imagined piece of musical glaciology.

The weekend ended as it had begun with the playing of Leif Ove Andsnes. His Sunday afternoon recital of Grieg, Liszt and Chopin revealed the refreshing lack of self-consciousness in his playing. Rather it is quietly and deeply absorbed in the imaginative recreation of each successive response to each composer's writing; and this intensity of focus, particularly in six of Grieg's Lyric Pieces, generated an extraordinary quality of audience concentration.

HILARY FINCH

Raising the tone colours

RPO/Ashkenazy
Festival Hall

A PROGRAMME divided between Sibelius and Ravel afforded a range of tone-painting that again signalled a high level of accomplishment by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under Vladimir Ashkenazy. The presence of Itzhak Perlman as soloist in the Sibelius Violin Concerto doubtless ensured a full hall, and as his crutches propelled him out for a fourth call afterwards, the audience stood to acclaim a performance of uncommon brilliance.

His playing was as generous of tone and warm of heart as it always has been, but as early as the solo cadenza in the first movement an added degree of poetic sensibility made itself felt to complement the scintillating technique, and this extended through the almost seamless song of the middle movement before a breathless continuity of display in the dazzling finale.

Ashkenazy allowed some of the woodwind playing to become raucous early in the concerto, but this was later brought under control, as it was previously in an account of *Pohjola's Daughter* to open the programme that was made to sound unusually tense and even eerie at times.

Turning to Ravel for the second part, Ashkenazy made a persuasive orchestral case for two works that began as piano pieces. Even *Une Barque sur l'océan*, which retains rather a lot of its keyboard origins in orchestral guise, was aided by the momentum imparted to it. This was followed by some deft triple-tonguing by horns and trumpet and an expressive solo bassoon to adorn the ingenious permutations of wind and percussion in *Alborada del gracioso*.

To follow this, the second suite from *Daphnis et Chloé* was again a testament to its richness of orchestral colour and subtlety of rhythmic impetus. Maybe daybreak arrived rather precipitately at the outset, but the central Pantomime, with its poignant flute solo, led into a final dance of exhilarating vivacity, sustained on a wealth of orchestral splendour.

NOEL GOODWIN

No chance of the poetry prize

BBCSO/Olmi
Barbican

THE Brazilian Ricardo Castro may have been the jury's choice as winner of the 1993 Harvey's Leeds International Piano Competition, but his victory was not universally approved. His appearance with the BBC Symphony Orchestra at the Barbican on Saturday night was therefore a chance for Castro to vindicate himself — and the Leeds jury — with a performance that would erase the memory of his anonymous Beethoven in the competition.

A cynic might claim that the choice of Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 2 in C minor was more an attempt to curry favour with a broad constituency than an attempt to win over the cognoscenti. It might have done both, of course, for the need to make a personal statement with a warhorse like this is greater than ever. Sadly, it was not a reading to set the imagination alight: though thoroughly competent, and far from unfeeling, there were few hints of the poetic fantasy of a master.

Castro did not, at least, crash about the keyboard in the manner favoured by many young players. He is often at his best in light scherzando passagework, where his playing has a crystalline clarity and attractively sweet tone quality. Not only does he get his fingers impressively round the notes at such moments, but he manages to shape them into the kind of phrases that reveal them to be more than mere bravura.

One or two phrases in the Adagio were also turned in a way that promised something special, but it never materialised. Neither Castro nor his young accompanist, the up-and-coming Italian conductor Paolo Olmi, was inclined to wallow in the concerto's extravagant sentiments, and it was not until the Big Tune in the finale that Castro really drew on expressive rubato to stamp some individuality on the performance.

There may be a poet struggling to get out of this prize-winner. But the discerning jury is still out on that one.

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LONDON

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Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800). Tonight, 7.45pm

DANCE UMBRELLA: *Kepler's Kamer* is the latest work by one of Holland's *most exciting choreographers,* **Angelika Oei.** Picking up where her acclaimed *Alluo* left off, this piece reflects on the correlation between natural science laws and the human body. A fascinating and original language of movement.
The Place, Duke's Road, WC1 (071-387 0031). Tonight and Wed, 8pm

DANGEROUS OASIS: Opening night for the last production in the Women's Work season: Bridget Mastrocola as the adventurous Isabelle Eberhardt, cross-dresser and desert-crosser. *Written by Nina Rapi.*
Finborough, 118 Finborough Rd, SW10 (071-373 3842). Tonight, 8pm. Till November 20.

STACEY KENT QUARTET: A rising star specialising in vocal-led modern jazz; wonderfully entertaining. With Jim Tomlinson, tenor sax; Dave Green, bass; John Pearce, piano.
606 Club, Lots Road, SW10 (071-352 5953). Tonight, 9.30pm.

MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF BASIL DOUGLAS, the classical musicians' manager who died last year, including performances from Ian Partridge with Julius Drake, piano; Paco Peña, flamenco guitar; Vlado Perlemuter, piano; Trevor Pinnock, harpsichord; and the English Concert.
Wigmore Hall, *Wigmore Street,* W1 (071-935 2141). Tonight, 7.30pm.

ELSEWHERE

GLASGOW: Andre Engel's naturalistic production of Strauss's torrid shocker **Salome** is revived at **Scottish Opera** *with Beverley Morgan in the smouldering* title role and Neil Jenkins as Herod. Richard Armstrong conducts. This week's performances are the last appearance of this opera for the season.
Theatre Royal, Hope Street, (041-332 9000). Tonight, 7.15pm.

NEWCASTLE: Christopher Gable made his choreographic debut with the Northern Ballet Theatre's **Cinderella.** What you get is an unorthodox version of a familiar tale as Gable's treatment is more Grimm — dark and violent — than Perrault. Jayne Regan throws herself compellingly into the marathon title role, *William Walker is the epitome of the* handsome, elegant prince and Victoria Westall is a deliciously wicked stepmother. The costumes include ravishing 1920s-influenced dresses.
Theatre Royal, Grey Street (091-232 2061). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Thurs, 2pm and Sat, 2.30pm.

SOUTHAMPTON: Back for one week before setting off for Rouen, the *excellent* Granville Saxton plays Petruchio in Patrick Sandford's production of **The Taming of the Shrew.**
Nuffield, University Road (0703 671771). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm; Fri and Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm.

WOKING: David Thacker's captivating Stratford production of **Two Gentlemen of Verona,** with music from the Gershwin era, resumes its national tour. With Sarah Jane Holme, Dominic Arnold, Ben Miles and Alison Reid. Designed by Shelagh Keegan.
New Victoria Theatre, *The Peacocks* Arts Centre (0483 761144). Tonight-Sat, 8pm

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

◩ **ARCADIA:** Tom Stoppard in sparkling form brings together love, chaos theory and much else. With Felicity Kendal and Emma Fielding.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Fri, 7.30pm, mat Wed, 2.15pm. 180mins.

◩ **CAROUSEL:** Tuneful and cleverly set Rodgers and Hammerstein musical extravaganza.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins.

◩ **CITY OF ANGELS:** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, set in the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins

□ **FOREVER PLAID:** Genial and wittily performed American show that pays homage to the four-part harmony *groups of the 1950s.*
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri, Sat 8.30pm; mats Fri, Sat, 6pm.

□ **HAIR:** A pleasantish stroll through the Age of Aquarius. *Michael Bogdanov* directs.
Old Vic, *Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928* 7616) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Fri, Sat, 4pm, 180mins.

□ **LOOKING THROUGH A GLASS ONION:** John Waters stars in his own musical tribute to John Lennon, and comes remarkably close to conveying his mysterious, if chaotic, charm.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488) Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 6pm and 9pm.

□ **THE MADMAN OF THE BALCONIES.** Play by the excellent Peruvian novelist and presidential contender, Mario Varga Llosa. Peter Eyre plays a professor struggling to save the beauties of Lima from the bulldozer. See review, right.
Gate, 11 Pembridge Rd, W11 (071-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm

□ *MEDEA: Diana Rigg returns to the* West End in Euripides's tragedy of a woman's revenge. Directed by Jonathan Kent.
Wyndham's, *Charing Cross Road,* WC2 (071-867 1116) Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.30pm; mats Thurs 3pm, Sat 5.30pm

◩ *OLEANNA: Power, politics and* punishment at an American university. David Suchet and Lia Williams star in Pinter's production of Mamet's play.
Duke of York's, St. Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

□ *THE PARTY CARD: Nicolai* Erdman's comedy, set in jazz age *Moscow, tells of two families scheming* to obtain a prized card. A UK premiere by the Wedding Collective.
New End Theatre, 27 New End, NW3 (071-794 0022). Tue-Sat, 8pm; Sun 2pm and 5pm.

◩ **PRESENT LAUGHTER:** Tom Conti is seriously off-target in the Noël Coward role which the author himself described as *"a mixture of self-exposure and self-celebration".*
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Tue-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

◩ **RACING DEMON:** Revival of David Hare's bracing drama on the modern Church of England, again with Michael Bryant, Richard Pasco and the excellent Oliver Ford Davies.
National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, SE1. (071-928-2252). Tonight-Wed, 7.15pm; mat Wed, 2.00pm.

◩ **SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER:** Donald Sinden, Miriam Margolyes, David Essex in Peter Hall's revival of the evergreen Goldsmith comedy.
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm.

□ **VITA AND VIRGINIA:** Eileen Atkins' play based on Virginia Woolf's crush on Vita Sackville-West, with herself and Penelope Wilton.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm, and Sat, Sun, 3.30pm.

□ **THE WINTER'S TALE:** John Nettles and Samantha Bond in a sublimely moving production of Shakespeare's redemptive drama.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Thurs, 7.15pm; mat Thurs, 2pm. 180mins.

LONG RUNNERS: □ **Blood Brothers** Phoenix (071-867 1044) □ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) .. ◩ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) .. ◩ **Crazy for You.** Prince Edward (071-734 8951) .. ◩ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ◩ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ■ **Grease.** Dominion (071-580 8845) .. □ **It runs in the Family:** Playhouse (071-839 4401) ... ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◩ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) .. ◩ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap.** St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) .. ◩ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) .. ■ **Sunset Boulevard:** Adelphi Theatre (071-344 0055) .. □ **Travels With My Aunt:** Whitehall (071-867 1119) .. □ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ ***DIRTY WEEKEND*** *(18) Michael* Winner's cheap, dismal version of Helena Zahavi's novel about a female doormat turned mankiller. With Lia Williams and Rufus Sewell.
MGMs Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **HOCUS POCUS** (PG): Rowdy Hallowe'en romp with Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker and Kathy Najimy as 17th century witches at large in modern-day Salem. Director, Kenny Ortega.
MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) **Warner** (071-439 0791)

THE PIANO (15): Jane Campion's magnificent tale of repression and desire in mid-19th century New Zealand. With Holly Hunter, Sam Neill and Harvey Keitel.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) ***MGMs: Fulham Road*** (071-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366) **Warner** (071-439 0791) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

CURRENT

THE CEMENT GARDEN (18): Uneven adaptation of Ian McEwan's novel about children's games with sexuality and death. Andrew Birkin directs Andrew Robertson, Charlotte Gainsbourg.
Metro (071-437 0757) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Piccadilly** (071-437 3561) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

◆ **THE FUGITIVE** (12): 1960s television series roars back to life with Harrison Ford and Tommy Lee Jones; *director, Andrew Davis.*
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ ***HOMEWARD BOUND:*** **THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY** (U): Two cats and a dog with human voices (Michael J. Fox, Sally Field, Don Ameche) trek home across the wilderness. Good for tots, toe-curling for adults.
MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574)

MR WONDERFUL (12): Electrical worker Matt Dillon tries to find his ex-wife a new man. Disarming candyfloss from director Anthony Minghella; with Annabella Sciorra.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098)

RAINING STONES (15): Wonderful slice of life on a Catholic council estate. *Director Ken Loach blends biting* humour and raw pain. Endearing performances from local talent.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) ***MGMs: Haymarket*** (071-839 1527) **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914666)

◆ **RISING SUN** (18): Murder at a *Japanese conglomerate's LA* headquarters. Botched if handsome adaptation of Michael Crichton's book. With Wesley Snipes and Sean Connery; Philip Kaufman directs.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Electric** (071-792 2020) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **THE SECRET GARDEN** (U): Polished version of Frances Hodgson Burnett's classic; a confident mainstream debut for director Agnieszka Holland. With Kate Maberly, Maggie Smith.
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Minema** (071-235 4225) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

THEATRE: A Mario Vargas Llosa world premiere; and a British staging of a Russian satire

View from above of change in Peru

The Madman of the Balconies
Gate

THE balconies are the intricately carved wooden structures decorating the mansions of old Lima. Fine ladies in black mantillas would peer through the latticework; zealous monks stood *there spying on the community. Moorish* in origin, the balconies were designed in Spain but carved by American slaves and craftsmen, and thus they speak of the history of Peru to *people sensitive to their spirit.*

One such person is the Italian Professor Brunelli, captivated by their *mystery since the day he arrived in the* city. "My little whore," he says of Lima, in the way soliloquists do when addressing an exotic locale. Durrell's Englishmen say it of Alexandria but *Lima hardly deserves this* fond reproof. It is not her fault she is being raped by developers, the calamity that *is causing Brunelli such grief.*

He has sacrificed his life to preserve these treasures, worm-eaten though they may be. He would dearly love to save the buildings, too, but architects and bureaucrats prefer replacement to rehabilitation, so he has recruited *pensioners and youths to demonstrate in the streets* and restore what he can retrieve. His daughter Ileana (Naomi Wirthner) he also sacrifices, not seeing that she *wants to live. "I wanted to* live!" she may even have said.

Brunelli remained ignorant of what was going on in her mind, just as we are also for a long while, because the dialogue gives us insufficient clues. Perhaps we *think it odd she should be marrying the son of the principal* developer, but the characters undergo abrupt changes of resolve. After all, her fiancé experienced instant conversion at the sight of a decaying balcony and demonstrates against the company of which he is a director.

The potential for drama here is given relish by the fact that the author is Mario Vargas Llosa, the excellent *novelist and candidate for his country's* presidency. The arguments concern the relative importance of past and future, slum-clearance and aesthetics; *is something of deeper national import* being presented here?

If so, the hero's European origin may relate to the author's life divided *between two continents. But coded* messages aside, the play has a distinctly prosy way of getting its points across. Peter Eyre's courteously obsessive professor, a dry mouse in a Panama hat, sees his past in reveries as he prepares to hang himself. He explains to a passing drunk what the balconies mean, just as his daughter will do to her future fiancé. Nobody listens, and much of the drama *happens elsewhere.*

Raad Rawi is persuasive as the smiling developer and his best speech tells of jealousy and other exciting matters, but none of these does the play *show us. Instead,* Hettie Macdonald's *production shows us several balconies,* sinking into the floor as into the sands of time.

JEREMY KINGSTON


MARILYN KINGWILL
Peter Eyre as an obsessive professor in *The Madman of the Balconies*

Bolshies outwitted

The Party Card
New End, NW3

NIKOLAI Erdman only wrote two plays. This Russian author gained recognition in Britain when the Royal Shakespeare Company staged *The Suicide* back in 1981. Now a more modest theatre company, the Wedding *Collective, also using a strong translation* by Peter Tegel, is producing Erdman's farce *The Party Card,* first performed in Moscow in 1925.

The play was very popular in those early days of Bolshevism (before Stalin censored it), no doubt largely because of its essentially light but sometimes *sharp topical political satire.* The blue-blooded scramble around trying to amass feasible down-market relatives. *If the communists call round,* the icon of the Virgin Mary opens out into a perfectly innocent dressing-table mirror, and Karl Marx is, wisely, on the flip-*side of the oil painting* of a romantic sunset. Meanwhile, anyone who is made party official *starts inexplicably* threatening to arrest all and sundry.

The piece is not without contemporary relevance. On one hand, the dispossessed aristocrats are thought to be returning to the motherland; on the other, the royal family are being hauled over the coals.

Farce has been better. The plot is chaotic and just that bit too unbelievable. Though the performances are energised, the second half drags. Director Stephen Tiller is too simplistic with his slapstick: movement and stage groupings are often artificial; and some of the casting seems to have been made on the basis of arrestingly eccentric looks rather than acting talent. There is too much shouting, especially from David Price (Ivan). Roy Bell's design, setting everything at nutty angles, is rightly comic and nightmarish, but impractical.

For all this, there are a multitude of delectably funny lines and plenty of pure zaniness. Varvara (Bridget Davidson in a cloche hat, eyes bulging like a frog) embarks on a terrifically absurd song and dance routine, belting out "I know a lovely bunch of Bolsheviks" and spinning her partner. Ivan storms *around with a saucepan of noodles on* his head; and Anastasia (the wonderfully gormless Sue Maund) is drenched by soda syphons, locked in a chest, and eventually emerges — mistaken for a princess — to find herself ceremoniously greeted by a boy flourishing a cactus, a gentleman holding yesterday's loaf aloft, and an old man in military regalia slumped in his wheelchair, apparently quite overwhelmed by the occasion.

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Brahms's First Quartet, Op 51 No 1 in C minor, which has the same tragic-epic flavour of the First Symphony, began with a suitably purposeful, stormy opening movement. If the succeeding "Romanze" was perhaps a little too restrained in its colour-range, the Allegretto's own muted hues afterwards seemed exactly right. Yet the finale, though it sustained the momentum and breathless argument well enough, confirmed that this was a reading which came down on the side of beauty, the concept rounded, the sound warm, the boundaries neat and well-defined. My preference is for something rougher, with a riskier edge. But this was by no means a complacent account.

That sense of risk was more to the fore in Tchaikovsky's less darkly dramatic First Quartet, Op 11 in D major, as indeed a somewhat scrambled and garbled ending to the finale suggested. But having warmed up with the same composer's disembodied, folk-influenced Quartet Movement in B flat of 1865 (a piece of huge charm), these players beautifully placed the later work's spacious opening movement. They also skilfully managed the lovely Andante cantabile second movement. Meanwhile the Scherzo's darting flames were given with sharply delineated rhythms and brilliant colours, and in the last movement the quartet appropriately mixed charm and drama in more or less equal quantities.

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As Frank Sinatra's album of duets climbs the charts, **Alan Jackson** discovers the dream teaming of some other singers

Why two are going straight into No 1



(From left) Elton John has recorded tracks with 15 singers for his new album, while Frank Sinatra shared vocals (if not a studio), with Bono; but Sheena Easton is still waiting for a call from Joni Mitchell

Fashion decrees that a duetting partner is this season's essential accessory for the grown-up pop star. Come Christmas, Elton John will be high in the charts with an album based on 15 such pairings: he has recorded tracks with artists ranging from Tammy Wynette to Nik Kershaw, Gladys Knight to Leonard Cohen. But beating him off the blocks is a canny and yet more famous competitor. Frank Sinatra's *Duets* album, just released, is first and foremost a clever marketing strategy, only secondly the musical event his record company would have us believe.

For, as you listen to the man and a stellar cast reinterpret a selection of his greatest hits in big band settings, it is hard not to suspect that commercial rather than creative wisdom guided its recording.

With most radio stations resistant to all but formula chart material, the more mature living legend can find it hard to get airplay for his or her new release. Industry strategists believe conceptual albums to be the answer: Barbra Streisand's pair of Broadway albums, for example, or Natalie Cole's Grammy-winning exploitation of her late father's back catalogue. Such projects come with a built-in marketing angle, so can succeed where an album of unthemed material might fail. The Sinatra camp has left nothing to chance: duets with Aretha Franklin, Luther Vandross and Anita Baker will woo the black or soul-loving vote, for example, while those with Julio Inglesias and Gloria Estefan can be relied upon to raise interest in Latin territories.

Add to these further couplings guaranteeing a positive response from older standards-and-showtunes fans (Cole, Streisand, Tony Bennett, Liza Minnelli), from Francophiles (Charles Aznavour), from thirty- and fortysomethings (Carly Simon, Kenny G) and even from stadium rock-lovers (U2's Bono), and it is liable to be smiles all round in the record company boardroom. Throw in the residual affection that so many fans of popular music have for Sinatra himself, and you can be sure you are talking multi-platinum. Something jars, though . . . Call me old-fashioned, but it seems sad that not one of its 13 tracks was recorded with both performers in the same studio at the same time.

A straw poll of six prominent British talents suggests that others, too, have more traditional, even emotional expectations of the inter-twining of two voices: all speak instinctively of an artist with whom they would love to record, not one who might be of most conspicuous benefit to their own record sales.

"Joni Mitchell, no question," says Sheena Easton, the veteran of million-selling duets with country star Kenny Rogers, Mexican heart-throb Luis Miguel and the iconic Prince. "And we're experienced partners, because we've sung together 100,000 times. The only problem is, she doesn't know it — it's been as I play her music in my bedroom or on the car stereo.

"OK, I know pigs will fly before she sits up at night dreaming of one day singing with me, but there's no one else whose music means so much to me. It's those wonderful sweeping melodies and most of all her lyrics. In my personal life, I use music to express my feelings and she's written something appropriate to every imaginable instance. She never wears thin: when I'm 90, I don't foresee the possibility that her words will no longer mean something to me."

Easton says the pairing would work by her providing harmonies to Mitchell's lead vocals, and suggests they tackle "The Circle Game", from the singer-songwriter's 1970 album *Ladies of the Canyon*. "It's not my absolute all-time favourite song of hers, but so many rule themselves out as duets because of the specifically personal nature of the words.

"Yet it has a great meaning — the cyclical, life-going-on metaphor — and for us to do it together would be a sentimental journey for me, because we've been singing it like that since I was 15 years old."

Easton may hanker after recording with Mitchell, but another vocalist has actually done it. "She's recording a new album and invited me to sing with her on a track called 'How Do You Stop?'," says Seal. "It's a James Brown song, but done in a Joni-esque way. She was incredible, an angel. You can't imagine what it was like for me to actually meet her, let alone sing with her. It was my reassurance that this business is worth being in. I'm a lucky, lucky man."

> 'You didn't actually get to stand at a microphone with Sinatra'

Meanwhile, Prefab Sprout's Paddy McAloon prefers Streisand. "I've no confidence in my own voice — I only sing because I write, so I wouldn't seek to put myself forward," he says modestly. "But it would have to be Barbra. I so love her voice, although I don't know exactly why. Trends just come and go, and she passes through them. And, while I know she could ask anybody in the world, I'd like to be the person who brought her something different . . ."

Claiming to have written a drawerful of would-be Streisand songs, he unveils the demo of one conceived playfully as a Streisand / McAloon duet.

"It's part Pepsi commercial, part 'All You Need Is Love'," McAloon says of "Let's Change the World With Music". "It expresses hope and futility at the same time. 'Barbra, do you think that we can change the world with music?' it begins. 'It's a beautiful ambition / But our only ammunition is a bunch of do-re-mi's.' "

And, while he dreams of the day when, on cue, his chosen diva responds with: "Patrick, you're forgetting that the heart responds to music / It's not a foolish notion / It's not logic but emotion that compels the heart to act," other British voices harbour parallel dreams.

"Aaron Neville," says Shara Nelson, formerly the vocalist with Massive Attack, whose album, *What Silence Knows*, has been among the year's best-received solo debuts. "He's got that soft, floaty, angelic quality — like some grown-up kind of choirboy. *His 'Tell It Like It Is' (1967) is* one of my all-time favourites. It makes me wobble at the knees."

Wet Wet Wet's Marti Pellow favours k.d. lang — promiscuous as a singing partner in that she has recently recorded duets with Jane Siberry and Erasure's Andy Bell, and will also feature on the Elton John album. "It was 'Constant Craving' that really did it for me," he says. "There's an immense amount of feeling there, but it's semi-hidden, presented as if it's tongue-in-cheek — a kind of less-is-more quality," he says.

Tracey Thorne, elegant and expressive voice of Everything But The Girl, deliberates between two less familiar names. "Paul Buchanan from the Blue Nile would be great," she considers. "Or Mark Eitzel from the American Music Club. He, in particular, has that sense of a tortured soul singing, which I think would complement me well. I'd like us to sing Nick Drake's 'Northern Sky' together. I think it would be beautiful."

Finally, Phil Collins echoes her support of Glasgow's excellent Buchanan, but ultimately selects Irishman Paul Brady. "My big three vocalists are Buchanan, Brady and Bruce Hornsby," he says. "They all do things to me with their voices, and I'd love to sing with any one of them. But if I had to narrow it down, I think it would have to be Brady, if only because he's the least well-known.

"Actually I was asked to do the Sinatra album, but said no," he then reveals. "I wasn't being funny. I just didn't want to experience the disappointment that it might have been. You didn't actually get to stand at a microphone with him, so it wouldn't have represented a notch on the gunbelt. You'd be saying you'd worked with the man, but it wouldn't really be true."

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POP / ROCK CONCERTS

Pigeon-hole at your peril

Mary-Chapin Carpenter
Hammersmith Apollo

SHE is not, it's widely agreed, a country singer exactly. But perhaps the reason that she always ends up being defined as one has to do with the directness of emotion that is her stock-in trade as a writer.

Country lyrics deal habitually with all the big stuff — drinking, being done wrong to, divorce, even death — and hence can make the more delicately etched concerns that preoccupy musicians in other media seem small and lily-livered in comparison. The New Jersey-born, Washington D.C.-based Carpenter also tackles subject-matter muscular enough to make Texan traditionalists feel right at home, but does so with intelligence, precision and a liberal sensibility. Which is good news for everyone, for she is too significant to be lost to prejudice and and snobbery.

But the fact that Carpenter is a multi-platinum chart act in America and arrived in London towards the end of her second British tour within a year suggests she has no need to worry about genre stereotyping. Certainly she could hardly look less like a traditional Nashville diva: she rejects the big hair and rhinestones look in favour of off-duty casuals and the red ribbon of Aids awareness. And, oh, the songs . . . no wonder so many of the more discerning artists within the country community are rushing to record them.

Stylistically, they divide conveniently into fast and slow: the former are propelled by a tumbling guitar sound and are proud to the point of defiance ("I Feel Lucky", "He Thinks He'll Keep Her", "Hearts In Her Eyes"), while the latter are quite simply breathtaking.

This is because Carpenter's unfussy alto lends maximum impact to her pared-down, quietly profound narratives.

JULIAN HERBERT



No rhinestones for Mary-Chapin Carpenter, just great songs

And, when accompanied only by the acoustic guitar of John Jennings or the keyboards of Jon Carroll — each representing a quarter of her excellent four-piece band — the result is something entirely special. Thus "Only A Dream", "Come On, Come On", and the extraordinarily effective "I Am A Town", provided the high points of a long and good-natured set, and confirmed their author as one of the most glorious talents at work in the American mainstream.

ALAN JACKSON

RADIO

Proof of life after Peel

Of all the programme changes at Radio 1 last week, none was more significant than the arrival of **Mark Radcliffe** in the 10pm-to-midnight slot once filled by the near-deified John Peel.

Radcliffe's promotion represents the legitimising of a new voice. It is firstly a Northern voice: the show is broadcast from Manchester, recognising that city's eminence in a certain kind of pop culture. It is also an irreverent voice, honed on Radio 5's *Hit the North* and Radio 1's *Out on Blue Six*, shows that earned their presenter a reputation for subcultural sparkiness and a welcome absence of slickness.

One of Radcliffe's intros bills him as "the man in the dufflecoat". It is true that occasionally he gets so excited that he calls into his microphone like someone hailing you to look at his latest football card swops.

He is completely unlike Peel: he is younger (35), has hair, speaks quickly and delivers a consciously off-beat show, a mix of music, live sessions and interviews, some comic nonsense and contributions from guests, culled from the ranks of the professionally street credible, people like *The Word's* Mark Lamarr and journalist Mark Kermode.

For all this wackiness Radcliffe honours Peel's more substantial traditions, not least by playing bands most of the nation has never heard of. His playlist is eclectic, and you can tell there is a genuine and discerning passion at work.

Nor does he pander to his guests. Thursday's included a couple of members of Aerosmith, who in less mellow days had been so dissipated that a cartoonist had to draw their pictures for an album cover after the band had failed to turn up for the photo-shoot. "That is sad," Radcliffe chided. "How can you expect people to pay money for an album when you can't even get together for a photo?" Contrite murmurs of agreement could be heard.

Radcliffe's trademark is a stream-of-consciousness verbal riffing. At one point, for instance, he made an improbable connection between Jacques Brel, Jacques Tati and, by implication, Jacques Cousteau. There is something which smacks of the campus about parts of the show; but it does come over, if you will allow the expression, like a breeze of Mancunian fresh air.

Elsewhere it was business as usual, not least in Radio 4's **Classic Serial**. Sunday saw the first in a three-part dramatisation of *The French Lieutenant's Woman*, John Fowles's novel exploring unlicensed desire in Victorian Lyme Regis.

Nature was certainly in evidence. David Threlfall, as Charles Smithson, noticed "a host of singing birds" at one stage. How could he have missed them, twittering and cawing as they were, backed by the gentle wash of the sea?

This is more than merely costume drama for the ears, however. Frederick Bradnum's dramatisation gives full account of the divergent attitudes towards the shunned Sarah Woodruff. To the local farmer, "she be the French lootenant's whore", while Smithson recognises her "instinctive intelligence". But if this seems sensitive of him the drama also suggests his less-appealing attributes.

The cast catches the range of tones nicely. There is a sense of a society worth being at odds with, and of a job done with class to spare.

ANDY LAVENDER

Deafened by the def

Curve
Brixton Academy

WE HAD been warned: "Ticket holders may be subjected to continuous sound levels which may cause damage to hearing." The disclaimer on the reverse of the ticket spelt it out loud and clear. As promised, Curve were devastatingly loud and, several hours after the final reverberating chord had been struck, still clangingly clear.

At times the trouser-flapping volume levels threatened to detract from the intricate and densely constructed music that Curve make, but they managed to pull it off (something which, during the noisier passages, seemed to be what a large percentage of the audience was attempting to do with its own ears).

Curve announced their arrival with a giant grinding "On the Wheel", in which 1980s gothic rock met 1990s techno in a dark room with a blunt instrument. Before anyone could contemplate becoming comfortable, hyperactive guitarist Debbie Smith led the west London-based five piece into the touching, some would say foolishly sentimental, number "Die Like a Dog". Imagine Siouxsie and the Banshees having a violent disagreement with the young Deep Purple at a hard-core dance convention and a blurred aural Polaroid of Curve's fare begins to develop.

Guitars crackled and fizzed, drums jack-hammered and the bass hummed at such an uncomfortably subsonic pitch as almost to possess laxative properties. Amid the all-enveloping swell and sweep singer Toni Halliday stood stock-still, weaving her curious lyrical magic. Precisely what she was attempting to convey via her dry penetrating caw was vague, but her conviction was unquestionable.

A well-nourished woman in a small velvet frock, Halliday has the indie ice queen routine down to a T, yet it was when she frowned in concentration to sing the more personal songs from *Cuckoo*, the group's latest album, that she was at her most attractive. Dean Garcia, her co-writer, lurked in the shadows, playing the part of the musical éminence grise to the maximum and unleashing a pack of impossibly large and often improbably funky bass lines.

It is unusual for rock show lighting to be in sympathy with the actual sound being produced, but Curve's discotheque-gone-mad illuminations not only complement the music but elevated the entire gig. Curve's randomly flickering strobes, relentless soundtrack and excessive fondness for dry ice eventually created an atmosphere to rival a Hammer horror climax (they even manged to negotiate a ten-minute technical hitch without noticeable loss of ambience).

"Fait Accompli", their catchy, cobwebbed crowd-pleaser, served its purpose magnificently and led into a red-eyed and raw-knuckled reading of "Missing Link" which left the audience deafened but exhilarated.

ADRIAN DEEVOY

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North seek expansive style to combat New Zealanders


Hunter: no targets

David Hands looks at a divisional side short on power but ready to take the battle to the unbeaten All Blacks at an historic venue

IT WAS a curious day for the New Zealand rugby union touring party yesterday. They began with one of those agreeably outgoing gestures that have so distinguished this party from its predecessors: they trained for today's match against the Northern Division at Anfield and they braced themselves for the criticism which has arisen over the "de Glanville affair".

Not all modern players have much sense of the game's history but All Blacks are more aware of their sporting heritage than most. To revive a link with the 1905 tour party to Britain, nicknamed the "Originals", was therefore a pleasant task for the team management as they played host to two daughters of G. W. Smith, the "Auckland Flier".

Mrs Emily Yearn, 84, and Mrs Edna Stansfield, 80, have both lived in England all their lives, but their father, George William Smith, was a wing with Dave Gallaher's triumphant All Blacks. A lightweight at 5ft 7in and 11st 12lb, Smith had a reputation as a sprinter — an early version of Terry Wright perhaps; he was an athlete of considerable repute and also a jockey, underlining the Corinthian nature of society at the turn of the century.

He emigrated to Lancashire two years later and took up rugby league with Oldham; only a broken leg terminated his active career in his early 40s and his daughters have demonstrated a comparable tenacity. Their journey from Stockport to Haydock allowed them to exchange memories with Sean Fitzpatrick, the captain of the present touring side, and Neil Gray, the manager, and to wish the side well for what will be another historic match today.

Historic because Liverpool's Anfield stadium has never been used previously for a rugby union match. To mark the occasion the All Blacks will hope to recover some of the sparkle which came through in the opening tour match, against London, but which has since been expunged by the simplistic, no-nonsense approach of the Midlands and the South-West.

Whether the North have the fire power to apply similar restrictions is doubtful: they certainly have the history — two of only six defeats New Zealand have suffered in England since 1905 have been to northern teams, in Workington in 1972 and at Otley in 1979. But so many of the North's best players now compete outside the division that they have been considerably weakened.

During October they lost to London and the South-West, as well as to Wales A, but at least they have a solid body of games behind them, reinforced by the return of Rory Underwood, the England wing. There is the incentive, too, for such players as Ian Hunter and Tim Rodber, of a place in the national side later this month.

Hunter has set no targets after recovering from the dislocated shoulder which knocked him out of the Lions tour: he seeks only sustained form and fitness. Representative honours, he argues, will come if both are right but his forwards may not be strong enough to permit him other than defensive duties.

That in turn suggests that the North must play a wide game which Richard Greenwood, their coach who also prepared the England side which beat New Zealand ten years ago, confirms: "We aim to play it beyond outside centre to give Rory a chance," Greenwood said. "Playing it out there can give Ian Hunter the chance to show what an unusual running attacker he can be. England don't seem to be settled on a full back for the match later this month and Ian could be their man." Tony Jorden, the London coach, believes that the All Blacks can be exploited in the midfield and though his team could not do so, the North may explore the possibility.

NORTHERN DIVISION: I Hunter (Northampton); J Mallinder (Sale), K Simms (Liverpool St Helens, captain), M Fielden (Northampton), R Underwood (Leicester); P Grayson (Northampton), D Scully (Wakefield); M Hynes (Orrell), G French (Orrell), S McMain (Sheffield), T Rodber (Northampton), J Dixon (West Hartlepool), D Baldwin (Sale), N Ashurst (Orrell), A Macfarlane (Sale)

NEW ZEALANDERS: S Howarth (Auckland), J Wilson (Otago), E Clarke (Auckland), M Berry (Wellington), E Rush (North Harbour), M Ellis (Otago), S Forster (Otago); M Allen (Taranaki), N Hewitt (Hawke's Bay), G Purvis (Waikato), Z Brooke (Auckland, captain), B Larsen (North Harbour), R Fromont (Auckland), L Barry (North Harbour), J Mitchell (Waikato)

Referee: J Fleming (Scotland)

Sponsorship deal worth £50,000 for Britons

BY STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

CHRIS Bailey is expected today to be linked to a sponsorship deal that is unusual, if not unique, in tennis. On the opening day of the national championships at Telford, the 25-year-old will officially be attached to three other beneficiaries who represent the next generation of British players.

Tim Henman, Amanda Wainwright and Hannah Collin are the youngsters who have been selected by NCR, the computer company, to receive financial aid with Bailey. The agreement, to be reviewed annually and believed to be worth about £50,000, will also include travel concessions for each member of the quartet.

Bailey, the distinguishing feature of Wimbledon, was subsequently inundated with offers, three of them by nine o'clock the morning after he had held a match point against Goran Ivanisevic. NCR's appealed to him in particular. "Supporting our juniors is close to his heart," his agent, Clifford Bloxham, said.

"Through group sponsorship, we can keep our young players motivated by providing some of the support they need to succeed." Bailey, seeded fourth in the championships, was once in dire need of it. He had climbed to 126th in the world before snapping an anterior cruciate ligament in 1990. Now recovered and rising again, he is 160th.

Bailey's popularity contrasts with the experience of another Briton, who shone at Wimbledon. Andrew Foster claimed yesterday that he paid the price for reaching the last 16 when the Lawn Tennis Association axed his travel grant.

Bailey is already closely acquainted with Henman, the eighth seed at Telford. They played doubles together at Wimbledon. With Jamie Delgado, Henman is regarded as the brightest of the teenagers. In winning the British under-18 title last year, he beat James Baily, the Australian Open junior champion.

Wainwright, established as the nation's leading young woman, led the under-21 team to victory over the United States in the Maureen Connolly Trophy last month.

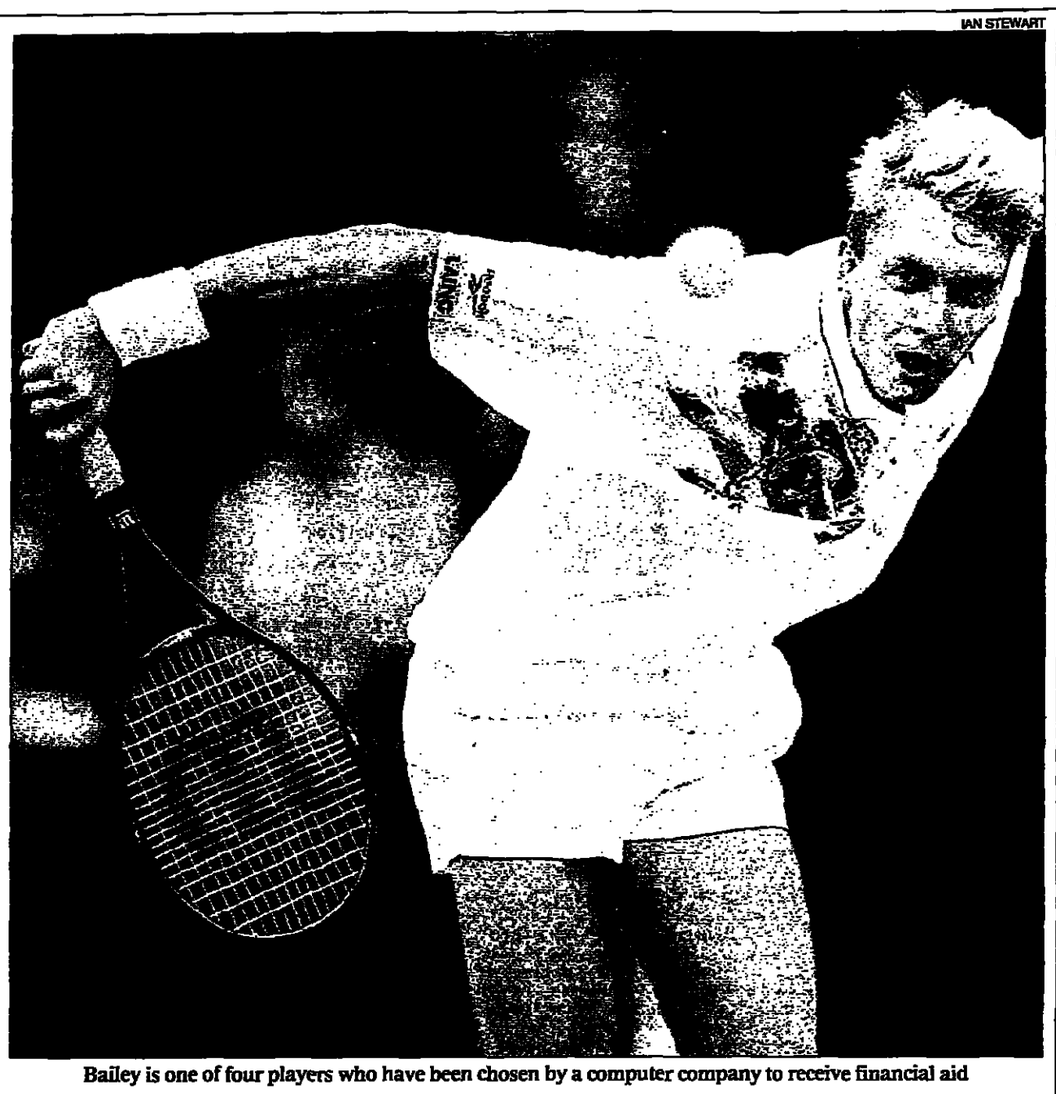
Collin, though only 11, has already demonstrated her potential. Undefeated in her age group for three years, she has represented Surrey in the under-18 county championship. She is expected to join her colleagues at Telford for today's formal announcement but, unlike the others, she is not competing in the event.

Bailey starts in the first round against Paul Robinson, a 19-year-old from Northampton, and is scheduled to meet Nick Gould, the sixth seed, in the last eight. The other quarter-final in the bottom half of the draw should feature Miles Maclagan, the seventh seed, and Chris Wilkinson, the second.

Henman's section, apart from including four players to have come through a qualifying competition which began on Saturday, is comparatively aged. He opens against Paul Hand, aged 28, and is expected to take on the 31-year-old Jeremy Bates, the top seed and favourite, in the quarter-final.

Wainwright has a bigger obstacle ahead. Assuming that she begins successfully against Emily Bond and then progresses to the semi-final, she will probably face Clare Wood, the top seed who is ranked 84th in the world and is an even clearer favourite to retain the women's title.

IAN STEWART


Bailey is one of four players who have been chosen by a computer company to receive financial aid

Svensson extends Göllner's poor run

MARC Göllner, one of the players who will carry German hopes in the Davis Cup final against Australia next month, continued his poor run yesterday when he was beaten in straight sets by Jonas Svensson, of Sweden, in the first round of the Paris Open.

The 23-year-old, who has now failed to win a match in his last four tournaments, was jeered off the centre court at the Bercy Stadium after losing 7-6, 6-4. Svensson, 27, a semi-finalist in 1990 and 1991, teased Göllner with a mixture of dropshots and baseline steadiness and the German was unable to establish any pace or rhythm.

The only part of Göllner's game that was relatively impressive was his service. He hit a dozen aces and his strong serving was good practice for the Swede, who meets Goran Ivanisevic, of Croatia, the No 9 seed, for a place in the third-round.

South African players had an unhappy opening day, with Wayne Ferreira and Marcos Ondruska failing to clear their first hurdles. Ferreira parted company with the richest non-grand slam tournament when he was beaten in only 64 minutes by Magnus Gustafsson, of Sweden, who is ranked No 20 in the world.

It is the third year running that Ferreira has been beaten in his opening match of the tournament, which is staged inside a futuristic stadium to the south-east of the capital. Gustafsson, a winner in Stuttgart this year and returning to the form that made him a top-ten player two years ago, won 7-6, 6-1 and meets Jim Courier, the world No 2, in the next round. Ondruska lost to Amos Mansdorf, of Israel, in three sets.

RESULTS: First round: J Svensson (Swe) bt M Göllner (Ger), 7-6, 6-4; A Mansdorf (Isr) bt M Ondruska (SA), 4-6, 6-4, 6-1; A Olhovskiy (Russ) bt R Gilbert (Fr), 7-6, 6-7, 6-0; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt W Ferreira (SA), 7-6, 6-1; M Larsson (Swe) bt C Costa (Sp), 7-6, 4-6, 6-2; A Cherkasov (Russ) bt H Holm (Swe), 6-3, 6-3.

☐ Andre Agassi, who is unable to compete in Paris this week because of a wrist injury and will finish the 1993 season ranked outside the world top 20, has been told he can resume training after being out of action for a month.

Pakistan grateful for second century by Saeed

SAEED Anwar's second successive century carried Pakistan to a five-wicket win over West Indies in the Champions Trophy in Sharjah yesterday.

The left-handed Saeed, who made 107 against Sri Lanka on Saturday, struck 131 from 142 balls, with 12 fours and three sixes. He was out in the 48th over, with ten runs required.

West Indies went into the match without a specialist wicketkeeper, dropping Murray to accommodate Haynes, who had recovered from a throat infection. Haynes went cheaply, and it took a third-wicket partnership of 132 between Simmons (81) and Arthurton (63) to give substance to the innings.

The result means that West Indies and Pakistan will almost certainly contest the final.

☐ Wasim Hasan Shah, the Pakistan board president, said his team was unlikely to go to India for the six-nation tournament later this month. The Test series between the countries is also in doubt.

WEST INDIES

B C Lara c Rashid b Mushtaq	14
D L Haynes c Mushtaq b Wasim	6
P V Simmons b Ata-ur	81
K L T Arthurton c Saeed b Mushtaq	63
*R B Richardson c Salim b Mushtaq	7
C L Hooper c Asif b Wasim	18
†J C Adams not out	18
R A Harper b Wasim	2
A C Cummins st Rashid b Qadir	10
K C G Benjamin b Wasim	4
C A Walsh not out	2
Extras (b 3, lb 10, w 20, nb 2)	35
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs)	260

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-57, 3-189, 4-201, 5-204, 6-222, 7-234, 8-251, 9-256.

BOWLING: Wasim 10-1-40-4; Ata-ur 10-1-59-1; Mushtaq 10-1-46-3; Qadir 10-0-43-1; Salim 7-0-35-0; Asif 3-0-14-0.

PAKISTAN

Saeed Anwar c Lara b Hooper	131
Asif Mujtaba c Arthurton b Cummins	15
Inzamam-ul-Haq run out	20
Javed Miandad c Adams b Benjamin	20
Basit Ali run out	16
Salim Malik not out	34
*Wasim Akram not out	5
Extras (b 1, lb 9, w 9, nb 1)	20
Total (5 wkts, 48 overs)	261

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-86, 3-143, 4-186, 5-251.

†Rashid Latif, Mushtaq Ahmed, Abdul Qadir and Ata-ur-Rahman did not bat.

BOWLING: Walsh 10-1-39-0; Benjamin 10-1-54-1, Cummins 10-0-69-1, Simmons 2-0-10-0; Harper 8-0-36-0; Hooper 9-0-43-1.

Man of the match: Saeed Anwar.

Umpires: D R Shepherd and J W Holder (England).

TABLE

	P	W	L	Pts
Pakistan	3	2	1	4
West Indies	3	2	1	4
Sri Lanka	2	0	2	0

Blain sets up tour by leading way to first win

TONY Blain, the wicketkeeper, steered the New Zealanders to the first victory of their tour of Australia yesterday with an unbeaten innings of 45 against New South Wales, the Sheffield Shield holders, in Newcastle. They had lost their three previous fixtures.

The New Zealanders resumed at 167 for six, needing 79 for victory, and reached the target with three wickets to spare. Blain, 31, who was five not out overnight, hit out for quick runs before the second new ball. He lost Murphy Su'a for 12 with the total at 200, well held by Phil Alley at mid-off.

Danny Morrison, the fast bowler, who had put the match within the New Zealanders' reach by taking six for 54 on Sunday, swung the bat to good effect, finishing on 26 not out, to help Blain complete a much-needed lift to morale.

NEW SOUTH WALES: First innings 299 for 8 dec (S R Waugh 88, M E Waugh 63, M G Bevan 55, D N Patel 6 for 87).

Second innings: 109 (D K Morrison 6 for 54).

NEW ZEALANDERS: First innings 163 (K R Rutherford 65).

Second innings

B A Young c Taylor b M E Waugh	43
B A Pocock lbw b McGrath	0
A H Jones c Emery b Matthews	44
*M D Crowe c Slater b McGrath	15
K R Rutherford c Emery b McNamara	47
D N Patel b Matthews	5
†T E Blain not out	45
M L Su'a c Alley b McNamara	12
D K Morrison not out	26
Extras (b 1, lb 4, nb 5)	10
Total (7 wkts)	247

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-72, 3-106, 4-108, 5-127, 6-167, 7-200.

BOWLING: McGrath 24.2-6-53-2 (nb 3), Alley 24-4-62-0 (nb 2); M E Waugh 13.5-6-20-1, McNamara 18-6-37-2; Matthews 28.1-5-67-2; Bevan 1-0-3-0.

☐ Dave Rundle, the Western Province all-rounder, is the only newcomer in the 15-man South Africa tour party for the Bengal jubilee tournament in India and the Test-match tour of Australia. Brett Schultz, the Eastern Province fast bowler, will join the party in Australia once he has recovered from a knee operation.

PARTY: K C Wessels (capt), W J Crone (vice-captain), D J Callaghan, D J Cullinan, P S de Villiers, A A Donald, A C Hudson, B M McMillan, C R Matthews, J N Rhodes, D J Richardson, D B Rundle, R P Snell, E L R Stewart, P L Symcox.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Manchester 101, Guildford 85.

MEN'S NATIONAL CUP: First round: Brixton 92, Liverpool 58; Brockton 80, Sheffield 77; Swindon 98, Bury 79.

NBA LONDON MATCH (at Wembley): Atlanta Hawks 113, Orlando Magic 101.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Perth: Western Australia 211 and 373 (J Langer 96, D Martyn 56, T Zoehrer 57; C Rackemann 6-93), Queensland 430 and 158-1 (M Hayden 96 not out). Queensland won by 9 wickets.

EQUESTRIANISM

MILLSTREET, Co Cork: Dalrygold Indoor Derby: 1, Everest Monsanto (M Whitaker, GB), 0 faults, 30.94sec; 2, Rochet Rouge (A Ledermann, Fr), 0, 32.92; 3, Lismore (Comdt G Mullins, Ire), 0, 33.23.

LANDOVER, Maryland: Washington International horse show: Grand prix: 1, Antos (M Leone, US), 0 faults, 34.67sec; 2, La Costa (M Goldstein, US), 0, 36.67; 3, Tovey (K Prudent, US), 3, 42.47. International jumping: 1, Lugana II (S Lauber, Switz), 0, 53.05; 2, Denizen (T Grubb, GB), 0, 54.03; 3, Benjamin (W Clarke, GB), 0, 55.56.

FOOTBALL

Late results on Sunday

ARGENTINE LEAGUE: Boca Juniors 2, Gimnasia y Tiro de Salta 0; Lanus 3, Gimnasia y Esgrima 1, Estudiantes de La Plata 0, Banfield 2; Deportivo Español 1, Rosario Central 1, Belgrano de Cordoba 1, River Plate 5; Ferro Carril Oeste 1, Huracan 1; Racing Club 1, Independiente 0, Platense 1, Deportivo Mandiyu 1; San Lorenzo de Almagro 5, Argentinos Juniors 3; Newell's Old Boys 1, Velez Sarsfield 2.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Group one: Flamengo 0, Internacional 2, São Paulo 1, Bahia 1; Corinthians 5, Botafogo 1; Cruzeiro 1, Bragantino 0. Group two: Palmeiras 3, Gremio 1; Fluminense 3, Santos 4.

GOLF

MADRID: Madrid Open: Final scores (GB and Ireland unless stated), 272: D Smyth, 65, 68, 68, 71. 275: M Rios, 69, 66, 71, 69; J Rivero (Sp), 68, 72, 66, 69; D Hospital (Sp), 68, 69, 68, 70; W Westner (SA), 70, 65, 68, 72. 276: D Feherty, 68, 72, 70, 66; D J Russell, 74, 67, 68, 67; E Romero (Arg), 73, 66, 68, 69; S Luna (Sp), 70, 70, 67, 69. 277: G Brand Jr, 75, 65, 68, 69, D Gilford, 68, 67, 70, 72. 278: D W Basson (SA), 70, 72, 67, 69; S Struver (Ger), 72, 70, 67, 69; A Oldcorn, 70, 71, 70, 67; G Turner (NZ), 69, 70, 68, 71. 279: F Lindgren (Swe), 74, 68, 69, 68, A Forsbrand (Swe), 73, 68, 70, 68, P Fowler (Aus), 68, 70, 71, 70; M Davis, 68, 72, 69, 70; B Lane, 69, 66, 73, 71; M James, 71, 69, 68, 71.

SAN FRANCISCO: US PGA Tour championship: Final scores (US unless stated), 277: J Gallagher, 63, 73, 72, 69. 278: S Simpson, 68, 70, 70, 70; J Huston, 72, 68, 68, 70; D Frost (SA), 68, 68, 69, 73; G Norman (Aus), 72, 67, 68, 71. 279: R Fehr, 69, 69, 70, 71. 280: C Pavin, 68, 73, 72, 67; M Calcavecchia, 69, 69, 75, 67; T Kite, 68, 68, 72, 71. 281: F Couples, 74, 72, 70, 65; J Haas, 70, 69, 72, 70. 283: F Allem (SA), 69, 72, 71, 71; C Beck, 71, 70, 70, 72; D Edwards, 71, 72, 68, 72. 284: J Maggert, 71, 74, 69, 70. 285: V Singh (Fiji), 70, 71, 74, 70; J McSovern, 71, 70, 73, 71. 286: L Mize, 69, 76, 71, 70; N Price (Zim), 72, 68, 75, 71, G Morgan, 70, 71, 71, 74.

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE

First division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hounslow	4	4	0	0	14	2	12
Southgate	4	4	0	0	10	1	2
Havant	4	3	0	1	12	7	9
Teddington	4	3	0	1	9	8	9
O Loughtonians	4	2	2	0	15	7	8
Cannock	4	2	2	0	6	1	8
E Grinstead	4	2	1	1	4	3	7
Firebrands	4	2	0	2	2	6	6
Welton	4	2	0	2	3	9	6
Stourport	4	1	1	2	3	3	4
Slough	4	1	1	2	3	4	4
Bournville	4	1	0	3	5	5	3
Bromley	4	1	0	3	4	8	3
Trojans	4	1	0	3	7	12	3
Reading	4	1	0	3	4	10	3
St Albans	4	1	0	3	2	13	3
Canterbury	4	0	2	2	4	7	2
Ind Gymkhana	4	0	1	3	4	7	1

Second division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barford Tigers	4	3	1	0	10	4	10
Surbiton	4	3	1	0	7	3	10
Richmond	4	2	2	0	7	5	8
Edgbaston	4	2	2	0	7	5	8
Guildford	4	2	1	1	12	8	7
Beeston	4	2	1	1	8	5	7
Brooklands	4	2	1	1	8	7	7
Ipoa	4	2	1	1	7	6	7
Hankston Mag	4	2	1	1	6	5	7
Doncaster	4	1	2	1	7	5	5
Neston	4	1	1	2	6	6	4
Cambridge City	4	1	1	2	7	8	4
Sheffield	4	1	1	2	6	7	4
Gloucester C	4	1	0	3	9	8	3
Oxford Univ	4	1	0	3	9	10	3
Warrington	4	1	0	3	4	9	3
Cheltenham	4	0	1	3	1	8	1
Harborne	4	0	1	3	5	19	1

Women

WELSH NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cwmbran 0, Haverfordwest 3; Newtown 5, Newport 2; Penarth 1, Swansea 2.

NORTH LEAGUE: Newcastle 1, Chester 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): New York Rangers 4, New Jersey 1; Calgary 4, Winnipeg 3; Philadelphia 9, Chicago 6; San Jose 2, Anaheim 1 (OT).

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic division

	W	L	D	Pts	F	A
Philadelphia	9	3	0	18	58	43
New Jersey	8	2	0	16	39	25
NY Rangers	7	5	1	15	46	38
Washington	6	7	0	12	42	50
Florida	4	5	3	11	33	34
NY Islanders	3	7	1	7	37	42
Tampa Bay	3	8	1	7	28	32

Northeast division

Montreal	7	3	2	16	41	29
Pittsburgh	7	4	1	15	38	38
Boston	4	3	4	12	34	27
Quebec	5	6	1	11	46	47
Buffalo	4	7	1	9	45	49
Hartford	3	6	1	7	31	47
Ottawa	2	6	2	6	38	48

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central division

Toronto	10	1	0	20	47	25
St Louis	7	2	1	15	35	31
Dallas	6	4	2	14	48	41
Winnipeg	6	5	1	13	49	46
Detroit	5	7	0	10	50	62
Chicago	4	7	2	10	44	47

Pacific division

Calgary	8	3	2	18	46	38
Vancouver	7	3	0	14	38	33
Los Angeles	6	5	2	14	54	55
San Jose	3	9	1	7	28	44
Anaheim	2	8	2	6	24	42
Edmonton	2	10	1	5	32	48

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Bracknell 2, Whitley Bay 9; Durham 5, Cardiff 7; Humberside 4, Nottingham 6; Murrayfield 3, Peterborough 3. First division: Blackburn 14, Chelmsford 8, Guildford 3, Slough 5; Lee Valley 6, Romford 12; Medway 5, Streatham 5, Milton Keynes 19, Durrides 9; Paisley 10, Telford 15; Oxford City 8, Solihull 15.

MOTOR RALLYING

INTER-ASSOCIATION RALLY (Devon): 1, Eastern Counties, 7F, 378min; 2, London Counties, 14F, 433; 3, West Midlands, 15F, 334. Individual: 1, P Ludon (Southwest), VW Golf, 28min; 2, D Drayton (Southwest), VW Golf, 39; 3, G Rogers (Eastern), Escort, 48.

CARPETBAGGERS RALLY (Worcestershire): 1, J Jones, Renault 5 Gordini, 38min 30sec; 2, D Painter, Opel Manta, 38:38; 3, J Painter, Escort, 41:00.

DES WINKS STAGES (North Yorkshire): 1, T Jennetta, Escort Cosworth, 62min 48sec; 2, G Howard, Escort, 63:09, 3, J Ruddock, Escort, 63:22.

SHOOTING

ALDERSLEY: Staffordshire open air rifle and pistol championships: Rifle aggregate (120 shots): 1, Miss H Jones (Lichfield), 1,169; 2, B Ward (Chesterfield), 1,158 (on countback); 3, L Miles (Henley-in-Arden), 1,158. Pistol aggregate (120 shots): 1, A Wilkins (Basingstoke), 1,158; 2, N Bezer (Bedford), 1,147 (on countback); 3, W Freeland (Bromley), 1,147. Invitation matches (60 shots plus Olympic final): Rifle: Jones, 688 1 (record). Pistol: Bader, 676.4.

TENNIS

VAUXHALL INDOOR TROPHY: Women: First round: Sunderland 0 Northumberland 3; Hallamshire 3 Ilkley 0, Lakenham 3 Lincoln 0; Cambridge 2 Alleton 1, Brentwood 3 Deal 0, Finchley 3 Ealing 0, Middlesex Univ 1 Queen's 2, Sutton 2 Walton 1, W Herts 2 Southampton 1; Swindon 1 Gosport 2.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

Bolton v Peterborough
Bristol City v Birmingham (7.45)
Charlton v Derby (7.45)
Crystal Palace v Luton (7.45)
Grimsby v Leicester (7.45)
Oxford Utd v Barnsley (7.45)
Portsmouth v Middlesbrough (7.45)
Tranmere v West Bromwich Albion
Wolverhampton v Notts County

Second division

Blackpool v Hull
Bournemouth v Port Vale
Bradford v Huddersfield
Brentford v Cardiff (7.45)
Brighton v Wrexham (7.45)
Cambridge United v Plymouth (7.45)
Exeter v Fulham
Hartlepool v Barnet
Rotherham v Reading
Stockport v Leyton Orient
Swansea v Burnley
York v Bristol Rovers

Third division

Carlisle v Lincoln
Chester v Bury
Chesterfield v Wigan
Darlington v Colchester
Gillingham v Hereford (7.45)
Rochdale v Mansfield
Shrewsbury v Crewe
Torquay v Northampton
Walsall v Preston (7.45)
Wycombe v Scarborough (7.45)

The Drinkwise Cup

Second round

Bath v Yeovil
Bromsgrove v Slough
Dover v Dagenham and Redbridge (7.45)
Halifax v Gateshead
Northwich v Stalybridge
Runcorn v Macclesfield (7.45)
Welling v Woking (7.45)

Scottish League

Premier division

Partick v Hibernian

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Dorking v Hayes; Dulwich v Carshalton. First division: Boreham Wood v Wembley; Leyton v Walton and Hersham; Tooting and M v Billericay; Windsor and E v Bognor Regis. Second division: Barton Rovers v Hampton, Metropolitan Police v Hungerford; Tilbury v Witham League Cup: First round: Marlow v Yeading; Sutton United v Purfleet. Replay: Newbury v Molesey.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Buckingham v Ashford; Gravesend and Northfleet v Erith and Belvedere. Dr Martens Cup: First round, second leg: King's Lynn (1) v Cambridge City (4), Newport IoW (0) v Weymouth (1).

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Gainsborough v Frickley, Morecambe v Hyde. First division: Farsley Celtic v Gussley; Mossley v Lancaster City, Netherfield v Bamber Bridge, Workington v Radcliffe Borough.

FA VASE: First-round replays: Stocksbridge PS v Thackley; Cogenhoe v Friar Lane OB; Rushall Olympic v Dunkirk Ford v Potton, Chipstead v Godalming and Guildford, Barnstaple v Saltash.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: President's Cup: Arnold Town v Hallam; Louth v Hucknall.

CARLING NORTH-WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bootle v Atherton LR, Burscough v Prescot.

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Cornard v Halstead; Diss v Newmarket; Fakenham v Wroxham, Gorleston v Norwich Utd; Haverhill v Watton.

ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Third round: Bangor City v Llantairpwll.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Coventry City v Blackburn Rovers (7.00); Leeds United v Nottingham Forest (7.00). Second division: Manchester City v Tranmere Rovers (6.45); Scunthorpe United v Stoke City (7.00).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Queens Park Rangers v Luton Town (at Harrow Borough FC, 7.00); Tottenham Hotspur v Brighton and Hove Albion (2.00); West Ham United v Bristol Rovers (2.00).

FA YOUTH CHALLENGE CUP: First round: Birmingham City v Wolverhampton Wanderers, Cardiff City v Witney Town; Ipswich Town v Carshalton Athletic.

RUGBY UNION

Tour match

Northern Division v New Zealanders (at Liverpool FC, 2.30)

Club matches

Leicester v Cambridge University (7.15)
Northampton v Oxford University (7.30)

RUGBY LEAGUE

John Smith's tour match

Widnes v New Zealand XIII.

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: Light-middleweight contest: Lloyd Honeyghan v Steve Goodwin (Elephant and Castle).

TENNIS: Volkswagen national championships (Telford).

Positive thinking works for Ebdon

BY PHIL YATES

A SUMMER of intensive practice, a television documentary on Sir Peter Hall and listening to Luciano Pavarotti tapes before matches all contributed to Peter Ebdon's capture of the Skoda grand prix snooker title at the Hexagon theatre, Reading, on Sunday.

However, Ebdon's greatest asset, one he has possessed since turning professional two years ago, is an unshakable self-belief. Drawing on that reserve of positive thought, Ebdon, 23, beat Ken Doherty, the winner of the Scottish Masters last month, 9-6, to collect the first prize of £60,000.

Ebdon, who defeated Stephen Hendry, the world champion, in the last 32 and Gary Wilkinson 5-4 in the quarter-finals after trailing 4-1, could not emphasise enough how integral a part this confidence in his ability had played in the triumph. "I've talked all week about my mental strength and because of that I feel as if I could compete with anyone," Ebdon said. "I listened to Sir Peter Hall recently talking about improving one's craft and that's what I've got to do. When I can get more consistency into my safety play, I'll be really hard to beat."

Ebdon treats pressure as a challenge — something to be relished rather than feared. That trait originally manifested itself at the 1990 world junior championship in Brisbane when Ebdon recovered from 9-7 down to beat Oliver King 11-9 in the final. It resurfaced two years later when, on his debut in the concluding stages of the world championship, he recorded an astounding 10-4 victory against Steve Davis.

Not surprisingly, Ebdon was a unanimous choice for the young player of the year award and became as instantly recognisable as the game's more established players.

Three months ago, Ebdon's wife, Deborah, gave birth to their first child, Clarissa. "The baby made me appreciate what life is all about," he said. "I became more determined to succeed because I knew if I did my life would come together. Now it has."


Ebdon: self-belief

RESULT: P Ebdon (Eng) bt K Doherty (Ire), 9-6 Frame scores: [Ebdon first]: 36-66, 16-79, 55-51, 82-46, 32-78, 0-120, 77-25, 77-33, 73-16, 17-96, 65-31, 41-70, 74-8, 96-0, 66-27.

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday November 6 unless stated

FA PREMIERSHIP

1 Arsenal v A Villa
2 Ipswich v Sheff Wed
1 Leeds v Chelsea
1 Liverpool v West Ham
2 QPR v Blackburn
X South'pton v Tottenham
1 Wimbledon v Swindon

Not on coupons: Manchester City v Manchester United (Sunday); Oldham v Newcastle (Monday); Sheffield United v Norwich

FIRST DIVISION

X Birmingham v Notts F
X Leicester v Southend
1 Middlesbro v Bristol C
1 Millwall v Oxford
2 Notts Co v C Palace
1 Peterborough v Tranmere
2 Watford v Stoke
1 West Brom v Bolton

Not on coupons: Barnsley v Grimsby (Sunday), Derby v Wolves (Sunday); Luton v Charlton (Sunday); Sunderland v Portsmouth

SECOND DIVISION

1 Bristol R v Hartlepool
1 Burnley v York
2 Cardiff v Stockport
1 Fulham v Brighton
X Huddersfield v Cambridge
1 Hull v Rotherham
2 Leyton O v Exeter
1 Plymouth v Brentford
1 Port Vale v Swansea
1 Reading v Blackpool
1 Wrexham v Bourn'm'th

Not on coupons: Barnet v Bradford City

THIRD DIVISION

X Bury v Chest'field
2 Colchester v Walsall
1 Crewe v Rochdale
2 Hereford v Chester
1 Lincoln v Torquay
2 Mansfield v Gillingham
2 North'pton v Shrewsbury
1 Preston v Darlington
X Scarboro v Doncaster
1 Scunthorpe v Wycombe
X Wigan v Carlisle

BEAZER HOMES LGE PREMIER DIVISION

2 Dorchester v Athersione
X Gresley v Trowbridge
X Halesowen v Chelmsford
X Moor Green v Hednesf'd

SCOTTISH PREMIER

1 Celtic v Partick
1 Dundee v Hibernian
1 Hearts v Dundee Utd
X Kilmarnock v Rangers
1 Raith v Motherwell
2 St Johnstone v Aberdeen

SCOTTISH FIRST

X Airdrie v Dunf'rmline
1 Brechin v Morton
2 Clyde v Clydebank
2 Dumbarton v Ayr
1 Falkirk v Hamilton
1 St Mirren v Stirling

SCOTTISH SECOND

1 Albion v Forfar
X Arbroath v Montrose
1 Berwick v E Stirling
X Cowdenb'th v Alloa
1 Queen's Pk v Q of Sth

Not on coupons: Stenhousemuir v East Fife, Stranraer v Meadowbank Thistle

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Southampton, Birmingham, Leicester, Bury, Scarborough, Wigan, Gresley, Halesowen, Moor Green, Kilmarnock, Airdrie, Arbroath.

BEST DRAWS: Southampton, Bury, Scarborough, Gresley, Kilmarnock.

AWAYS: Crystal Palace, Stockport, Chester, Gillingham, Shrewsbury.

HOMES: Leeds, Liverpool, West Brom, Burnley, Port Vale, Reading, Wrexham, Preston, Scunthorpe, Celtic, Falkirk, Berwick.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Leeds, Burnley, Reading, Preston, Celtic. Aways: Stockport, Gillingham, Aberdeen. Draws: Southampton, Scarborough, Gresley.

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Hannon books Texan jockey for Breeders' Cup Sprint hope

Asmussen aboard Surprise Offer

By Julian Muscat

CASH Asmussen's disappointment at Kingmambo's withdrawal from the Breeders' Cup Mile was partially alleviated yesterday when he accepted the ride on Surprise Offer in the Sprint at Santa Anita on Saturday.

Asmussen, somewhat surprisingly, has yet to register a victory in any of the 63 Breeders' Cup races run to date. A bout of coughing has put paid to Kingmambo's place, but the Texan-born jockey has live chances on Hernando in the Turf and *Coup De Genie in the Juvenile* Fillies' on dirt.

Surprise Offer's trainer, Richard Hannon, yesterday confirmed Asmussen's booking. "I think Lord Carnarvon wanted someone with plenty of local experience, and with Cash already riding there, he was the obvious choice," Hannon said. "The American jockeys know the track so well that it is probably best to go with them."

Surprise Offer, who left for California with the rest of the seven-strong British challenge early yesterday morning, will travel on to Maryland before returning home. "He's got better prospects of winning in Maryland than in the Breeders' Cup Sprint," Hannon reflected. "Having said that, he has got a chance of making the frame at Santa Anita."

Surprise Offer completed his preparation by spending three days lodged at Lingfield, where, like the 1,000 Guineas winner, Sayyedati, and Ezzoud, he put in some good work on the all-weather track.

Although satisfied with Surprise Offer, Hannon will not be making the trip to California to see him run. "I have too much to do here at home with plenty of yearlings to sell on," he said.

The champion trainer added: "I've only been to two Breeders' Cups before and each time I have come back without my horse. When I ran Showbrook in 1991 he was sold out there, and you know what happened to Mr Brooks last year. It has not been a happy experience for me."

Ridden by Lester Piggott, Mr Brooks had to be destroyed after he broke a leg in the Sprint, when Piggott was sent crashing to the track in a spectacular fall. Fortunately, he escaped serious injury.

Kingmambo's absence from the Mile paves the way for Catrail, listed as first reserve, to take his chance in that race. The John Gosden-trained colt made the cut for the Sprint and, although a firm decision will not be taken until tomorrow, Anthony Stroud, racing manager to Catrail's owner, Shaikh Mohammed, indicated yesterday they were leaning towards the Mile, which is run on turf.

Should Catrail, as expected, defect from the Sprint, then Monde Bleu, trained by Andre Fabre in France, will take over the vacant berth. The former Fabre-trained Jolypha, who ran third in the Classic last year, has been forced out of the Distaff after she sustained a cracked sesamoid in a minor workout last week. She has been retired to stud.

No jockey for Catrail has yet been engaged, although Shaikh Mohammed's team has secured the leading local jockey, Gary Stevens, for Barathea in the Mile and Intrepidity in the Turf over 12 furlongs. Another of the Shaikh's Mile entrants, Wolfhound, is likely to be ridden by Lanfranco Dettori, presently in Australia to ride Drum Taps in the Melbourne Cup.

Of the other British challengers, Sayyedati, in the Sprint, and Ezzoud, in the Classic, will be ridden by Walter Swinburn, who also partners Hatoof for Criquette Head in the Turf. In the same race, Michael Roberts renews his successful association with Opera House.

Meanwhile, Muhtarram, trained by Gosden, will contest the Carlton F Burke Handicap on the same course 24 hours later if he fails to secure a place in the Turf, for which he is third reserve.



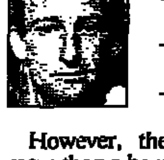
Asmussen still seeking first Breeders' Cup success

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SURREY DANCER (2.15 Redcar)

Next best: Handy Lass (1.30 Exeter)

Open invitation to week-long party



Richard Evans enjoys the carnival atmosphere as the Melbourne Cup comes under starter's orders

Combine the sporting spirit of Cheltenham with the Irish "crack" at the Punchestown National Hunt festival. Inject the nationwide appeal of the Grand National. Tack on the fervour, colour and anticipation spawned by the FA Cup Final, and include the tradition of a Lords test match and Open *golf championship.*

Imagine the ultimate sports hybrid coinciding with a drinker's idea of paradise *where champagne, wine and* beer never stops flowing, where people dress as Victorian ladies and gentlemen or as the Pope in a kangaroo outfit — and you begin to get an inkling of what the Melbourne Cup carnival is all about.

The locals refer to the carnival as a week-long cocktail party. The annual convention for hedonists would be more appropriate. The sheer weight of lunches, dinners, balls, picnics, special parties and functions would keep a social butterfly going for a lifetime in *Britain — if he or she could* stand the pace.

The four-day carnival is the showpiece of Australian racing and today's Melbourne Cup is the highlight. In the home state of Victoria, the race is afforded a public holiday. The rest of Australia does not bother with such formality. Everyone, from nuns and priests, to tram drivers and factory workers, stops what they are doing to tune in to the Cup. The nation comes to a standstill.

However, the Cup is far more than a horse race. It is an institution. A tradition which gives Australians the opportu*nity to be seen at their best and* worst. It is also about legend.

First run in 1861, two weeks after Burke and Wills lost their *fight for life in Australia's* harsh inland, the Melbourne Cup provides a sense of history in the making. People might not be able to tell you much about 1930, but you can bet your last dollar 99 per cent of the population will know it was the year the great Phar Lap and a strapper boy named Tommy Woodcock won the Cup.

Similarly, 1890 belonged to *Carbine and 1932 to Peter Pan.* Somehow, the horses do not just win a race, they win a year and a treasured place in most Australians' memories. Take 1948, when an unknown 16-year-old jockey and a crocked horse called Rimfire won the *Cup. Ray Neville only got the* ride, the tenth of his career, on the morning of the race. The 80-1 shot and his young rider defied the form book and flashed past the line together with Darke Marne, ridden by Jack Thompson.

The Cup's first photo-finish gave the verdict to Neville and Rimfire by a nose. Thompson's insistence that he had got up in the final stride was all but substantiated a few months later when the Victoria Racing Club (VRC) admitted there had been a fault with the newly-installed camera at Flemington racecourse. As for Ray Neville, he never rode another winner and within a year was riding a tractor on a farm.

The important link with the past was underlined yesterday with a parade of champions through the streets of Melbourne. Think of Generous, Commander In Chief, Quest For Fame, Dr Devious and other Epsom Derby winners lining up outside the Houses *of Parliament, being led up* Whitehall into Trafalgar Square, cheered and applauded by around 5,000 people, and you will have some idea of the effect of the Cup on this city and country.

After ten previous Cup winners had set off from Parliament House, guests and celebrities, headed by Dick Francis, were introduced to lunchtime shoppers at an open-air press conference, before being treated to a "phantom call" of the Cup.

The "phantom call", unheard of in Britain, involves the Australian equivalent of Peter O'Sullevan or Graham Goode looking into their crystal ball and producing a real-life commentary of the following day's race, which includes naming the winner. Quite brilliant. The locals often bet on the outcome.

Aside from the racing, the *fashion stakes are an integral* part of the carnival fever. For the committee members of the VRC nothing less than morn*ing dress will do. For the* women the latest designs, topped off by extravagant headwear, is the norm. For the Bruces and Sheilas in the middle of the racecourse anything goes.

Not surprisingly, the scale of imbibing has the Melbourne police on alert. Some clever souls attempted to get round strict enforcement of drink-drive laws by hiring pleasure boats and arriving at Flemington racecourse via the nearby River Maribyrnong. That worked well until the *river police started* breathalising the once-a-year skippers.

More recently, some motorists put a smart blue overcoat, peaked hat and dark tie in the back of the car before leaving for the races. After the Cup they quickly changed into their chauffeurs' uniforms in an attempt to hoodwink the police. As a result there are now random checks on vehi*cles of all kinds — including* the occasional horsebox.

And when it is all over, what happens then? "We start celebrating Christmas," an Australian barman said. I'm not sure if he was joking.

Top trainer in doping controversy

A DOPING controversy involving Australia's top trainer threatened to overshadow today's running of the Melbourne Cup (Richard Evans writes).

Less than 24 hours before the running of the country's most popular race, Lee Freedman had his licence suspended for two months after a prohibited substance was found in a post-race sample taken from the former European-*trained horse Runyon.*

Freedman won last year's Melbourne Cup with Subzero and has sent out more group one winners over the past three seasons than any Australian trainer.

He was granted leave to appeal against the decision of the Victoria Racing Club, which means Subzero will be free to run in today's *A$2 million race. However, if his appeal fails it* could threaten the chances of Naturalism running in the Japan Cup on November 28.

Runyon won the Craiglee Stakes at Flemington on September 11, but analysis of a post-race urine sample showed the presence of Lignocaine and 3-Hydroxylignocaine.

Maguire increases lead with double

ADRIAN Maguire is in impressive form at present and stretched his title lead to 23 over Richard Dunwoody with a fine double on Little Tom and Imperial Brush at Plumpton yesterday.

Little Tom was a comfortable winner of the Ringmer Handicap Chase. The eight-year-old's jumping was too fluent for his rivals and he was not hard pressed to beat Richville by five lengths. However, Maguire had to work much harder on the run-in to persuade Imperial Brush to overtake Gallant Effort in the Lewes Novices' Chase.

Belmoredean added to his excellent record under both codes when outsprinting Kisu Kali to win the Cuckfield Handicap Chase by a length.

Octogenarian Jack Joseph was looking sprightly after Cavo Greco had landed the Chailey Handicap Hurdle, saying: "He is our little pet. We worked him at Kempton on Saturday, and that put him spot on for today."

Shula takes share of record as Dolphins triumph

By Robert Kirley

DON Shula, the coach of the Miami Dolphins, equalled the National Football League record for victories in a 30-10 home decision over the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday.

With his 324th triumph, a mark that will not be challenged in this century, Shula tied the late George Halas, the founder of the Chicago Bears. *The flinty Halas reached his* total in 40 seasons spread over four stints, but Shula, 63, has hit the mark in his continuous tenure of 31 campaigns.

He is in his 24th year with the Dolphins, having previously coached the Baltimore Colts. Halas's record included *151 defeats and 31 ties; Shula's* teams have been defeated 152 times and tied six times.

"It is satisfying to equal a record set by a man who meant so much to the NFL," Shula said. "I never thought when I started coaching that there would be a day like this."

Scott Mitchell was the leader for Miami in his second start in place of Dan Marino, who is out for the season because of *Achilles tendon* surgery. Mitchell passed for 344 yards and three touchdowns, keeping the Dolphins on top of the American Conference East division.

He completed 22 of 33 tosses and became the first Dolphin other than Marino to throw for 300 yards since David Woodley in 1981.

Mitchell connected with Irvin Fryar on a 27-yard *scoring pass in the first period,* pinpointed Keith Byars with an eight-yard touchdown toss in the second and then settled matters in the third with a 77-yarder to Mark Ingram.

Joe Montana, 37, of the Chiefs, aggravated a hamstring injury and retired in the second quarter, trailing 13-0. Having also missed a fixture with a bruised wrist, he has been sidelined for all or part of *three games. The duration of* his recuperation was to be estimated yesterday.

In the best National Conference game, Emmitt Smith gained a club-record 237 yards, including a decisive 62-yard scoring romp in the final quarter, to give the Dallas Cowboys a rain-drenched 23-10 away victory over the *Philadelphia Eagles. Smith's* effort, the sixth best in history, enlivened the Cowboys' *fifth* successive win after two season-opening defeats.

NFL DETAILS

RESULTS: Week nine: Green Bay 17, Chicago 3; Miami 30, Kansas City 10; Indianapolis 9, New England 6, Tampa Bay 31, Atlanta 24; NY Jets 10, NY Giants 6, Dallas 23, Philadelphia 10; New Orleans 20, Phoenix 17; San Diego 30, LA Raiders 23, San Francisco 40, LA Rams 17, Denver 28, Seattle 17; Detroit 30, Minnesota 27

American Football Conference	W	L	PF	PA
East division				
Miami Dolphins	6	1	172	118
Buffalo Bills	5	1	135	77
Indianapolis Colts	3	4	104	149
New York Jets	3	4	159	131
New Eng Patriots	1	7	103	187
Central division				
Cleveland Browns	5	2	149	130
Pittsburgh Steelers	4	3	168	120
Houston Oilers	3	4	144	140
Cincinnati Bengals	0	7	81	162
West division				
Kansas City Chiefs	5	2	110	108
Denver Broncos	4	3	177	135
LA Raiders	4	3	136	133
Seattle Seahawks	4	4	129	140
San Diego Chargers	3	4	114	150
National Football Conference				
East division				
Dallas Cowboys	5	2	155	102
New York Giants	5	2	151	81
Phila Eagles	4	3	138	156
Phoenix Cardinals	2	6	152	153
Washn Redskins	1	5	99	161
Central division				
Detroit Lions	6	2	164	140
Green Bay Packers	4	3	164	121
Minnesota Vikings	4	3	112	124
Chicago Bears	3	4	112	95
Tampa Bay Bucs	2	5	99	183
West division				
New Orlns Saints	6	2	183	154
San Fran 49ers	5	3	210	158
Atlanta Falcons	2	6	171	222
LA Rams	2	6	131	192

☐ Does not include last night's game: Washington at Buffalo.

FIXTURES: Week ten: *Sunday:* Buffalo at New England; Denver at Cleveland; LA Raiders at Chicago, Miami at NY Jets, NY Giants at Dallas; Philadelphia at Phoenix; Pittsburgh at Cincinnati; San Diego at Minnesota; Seattle at Houston; Tampa Bay at Detroit: Indianapolis at Washington Monday: Green Bay at Kansas City.

EXETER

THUNDERER

1.00 Moat Garden
1.30 Handy Lass
2.00 Waterloo Boy
2.30 Bohemian Queen
3.00 COOLE DODGER (nap)
3.30 Caromandoo

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 ... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell P — pulled up U — unseated rider B — brought down S — slipped up R — refused D — disqualified) Horse's name Days since last outing. F if flat (B — blinkers V — visor H — hood E — Eyeshield C — course winner D — distance winner CD — course and distance winner BF — beaten favourite in latest race) Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard G — good S — soft, good to soft, heavy) Owner in brackets Trainer Age and weight Rider plus any allowance The Times Private Handicapper's rating

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (CHASE COURSE); FIRM (HURDLES) SIS

1.00 NORMANS RETAIL NOVICES HURDLE (£1,954: 2m 2f) (10 runners)

1 505-154 MUSTAHIL 11 (C,F) (Ucity Farm Holiday Centre Ltd) R Hodges 4-11-7 R Dunwoody 81
2 0.81 VIOLET'S BOY 19 (G) (R Wright) P Hobbs 6-11-7 C Maude ⑱
3 BRIDGE STREET BOY 15F (M Wilkins) J Bosley 4-11-0 M Bosley –
4 00-5 DUNDEE PRINCE 31 (Dandelion Distribution Ltd) K Bailey 5-11-0 N Williamson 69
5 MOAT GARDEN 850F (Queen Elizabeth) I Balding 5-11-0 B Powell –
6 433-P *TELMAR SYSTEMS 41 (R Dodson) K Ivory 4-11-0* M Richards –
7 40-4644 JENNYELLEN 7 (L Mulryan) M Pipe 4-10-9 M Foster –
8 0- MALTESE FLAME 273 (Miss D Hornbuckle) A Forte 4-10-9 R Greene –
9 P MENDIP MIST 7 (Mrs B Davis) M Williams 5-10-9 N Mann –
10 60/P- RIVER STREAM 188 (The C R Partnership) L Cottrell 6-10-9 M A Fitzgerald –

BETTING: 9-4 Violet's Boy, 3-1 Mustahil, 100-30 Moat Garden, 5-1 Dundee Prince, 8-1 Jennyellen, 16-1 Telmar Systems, 20-1 others

1992: GRAND HAWK 4-11-0 P Scudamore (Evens fav) M Pipe 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

MUSTAHIL 6¾l 4th of 5 to High Baron in a handicap hurdle here (2m 2f, good to firm). VIOLET'S BOY beat Tour Leader 1½l in a 14-runner novice hurdle at Taunton (2m 3f 110yd, good). DUNDEE PRINCE 21l 5th of 13 to Needwood Poppy in a novice hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m 6f 110yd, good). TELMAR SYSTEMS 1l 3rd of 7 to Master Bavard in a National Hunt Flat race at Lingfield (2m, AW) on penultimate start. JENNYELLEN 26l 4th of 15 to Butler's Twitch in a novice hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, good)
Selection: VIOLET'S BOY

1.30 BRIXHAM CO-OPERATIVE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,998: 2m 2f) (5 runners)

1 50-41 FITNESS FANATIC 6 (D,F) (Mrs D Padfield) J Gifford 5-12-3 (7ex) J J Brown (7) 98
2 2032P/ EMALLEN 698 (P Allen) Mrs L Jewell 5-11-0 A Maguire –
3 25262-2 HANDY LASS 11 (G Hedking) Mrs A Knight 4-10-10 D Matthews (7) ⑱
4 P60- MR ZIEGFELD 210F (B) (Mrs M Rowe) R Baker 4-10-6 L Harvey 94
5 PP-3661 GILBERT 11 (C,F) (Mrs A Carey) D Carey 5-10-0 Lorna Vincent 96

Long handicap: Gilbert 9-11.

BETTING: 7-4 Handy Lass, 2-1 Fitness Fanatic, 3-1 Gilbert, 7-1 Emallen, 12-1 Mr Ziegfeld.

1992: HIGHLAND SPIRIT 4-11-10 P Scudamore (5-4 fav) M Pipe 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

FITNESS FANATIC beat Ruth's Gamble 7l in a 7-runner selling handicap hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f, good to firm). *HANDY LASS 6l 2nd of 13 to* Edimbourg in a conditional jockey's novice handicap hurdle here (2m 2f, good to firm) MR ZIEGFELD 48l 6th of 10 to Nocatchim in a juvenile novice hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good). GILBERT *beat Law Faculty 1½l in a 7-runner selling novice* hurdle here (2m 3f 100yd, good to firm).
Selection: FITNESS FANATIC

2.00 PLYMOUTH GIN HALDON GOLD CHALLENGE CUP CHASE (Grade II: £15,925: 2m 2f) (5 runners)

1 252211- DEEP SENSATION 214 (C,F,G,S) (R Eliot) J Gifford 8-11-6 D Murphy 96
2 11216P- WATERLOO BOY 214 (CD,F,G,S) (M Deeley) D Nicholson 10-11-6 A Maguire ⑱
3 2-46011 AL HASHIMI 10 (F,G) (Major A Pearn) R Hodges 9-11-0 R Dunwoody 72
4 *0/18111- TRAVADO 231 (G,S) (Mrs M Ennever) N Henderson 7-11-0* J Osborne 87
5 U3234F- WELSH BARD 284 (F,G,S) (Mrs G Abecassis) C Brooks 9-11-0 G Bradley 65

BETTING: 11-8 Travado, 7-4 Deep Sensation, 5-2 Waterloo Boy, 25-1 Welsh Bard, 40-1 Al Hashimi

1992: WATERLOO BOY 9-11-6 R Dunwoody (11-4) D Nicholson 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

DEEP SENSATION best form last season when beating Redundant Pal 8l in 4-runner grade I Mumm Melling Chase at Aintree (2m 4f, firm). WATERLOO BOY best form last season when beating Katabatic 1l in 5-runner grade II Game Spirit Chase at Newbury (2m 1f, good).
AL HASHIMI beat Dr Rockel neck in an 11-runner conditional jockeys' handicap chase at Worcester (2m, good to firm)
TRAVADO best form last season when beating Wonder Man 1l in 8-runner grade I Waterford Castle Arkle Chase at Cheltenham (2m, good to firm). WELSH BARD best form last season when 10l 3rd *of 4 to Storm Alert in a handicap chase at Nottingham (3m, soft).*
Selection: WATERLOO BOY

2.30 PLYMOUTH AND SOUTH DEVON CO-OPERATIVE SELLING HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,880: 2m 2f) (15 runners)

1 121 OCTOBER BREW 22 (B,C,D,G,S) (M Pipe) M Pipe 11-8 R Dunwoody 97
2 234 CONVOY 15 (B) (The Lavender Cottage Partnership) C Mann 10-12 G McCourt 97
3 04 IVORY HUTCH 19 (B) (F Ivory) J Moore 10-12 A Charlton 77
4 4 MAASTRICHT 26 (R Williams) D Burchell 10-12 D J Burchell –
5 043 MUSICAL PHONE 19 (BF) (R Coles) C Popham 10-12 B Powell 96
6 P PARIS ROBBER 11 (F Ivory) J Moore 10-12 P Moore (7) –
7 36R0 STAR MINSTREL 13 (K Styles) M McCormack 10-12 M Perrett 85
8 THREEOFUS 43F (V) (K Ivory) K Ivory 10-12 M Richards –
9 F2 BOHEMIAN QUEEN 32 (BF) (Group 1 Racing (1991) Ltd) J Spearing 10-7 A Maguire 92
10 JUST FOR A LARK (A Williams) D Burchell 10-7 W Knox –
11 6 KENNINGTON PROTON 85 (Kennington Service Station) R Juckes 10-7 T Wall 90
12 LADY RELKO 43F (W Packham) R Voorspuy 10-7 A Tory –
13 6 NANQUIDNO 19 (R Warren) Mrs J Retter 10-7 B Clifford –
14 P05 OUR NIKKI 19 (A Blumberg) P Rodford 10-7 I Shoemark 75
15 4 VELVET HEART 11 (F Camis) Mrs A Knight 10-7 S Burrough ⑱

BETTING: 7-2 October Brew, 4-1 Convoy, 11-2 Velvet Heart, 6-1 Bohemian Queen, 13-2 Musical Phone, 7-1 Star Minstrel, 14-1 Maastricht, 16-1 Threeofus, 20-1 others

1992: TEXAS SCRAMBLE 11-4 R Stronge (11-4 fav) C Popham 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

OCTOBER BREW beat Mister Blake ½l in a 10-runner selling novice hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f, good to soft). CONVOY 17¾l 4th of 14 to Abjar in a novice hurdle at Fakenham (2m 110yd, good). MUSICAL PHONE 1½l 3rd of 10 to My Sister Lucy in a selling novice hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, good), with IVORY HUTCH 18½l 4th, OUR NIKKI 8l 5th *and NANQUIDNO 10½l 8th. STAR MINSTREL 15l* 7th of 14 to Mr Genealogy in a novice hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, good).
BOHEMIAN QUEEN 7l 2nd of 11 to Skittle Alley in a selling hurdle at Hexham (2m, good). VELVET HEART 8¾l 4th of 14 to Beat The Bagman in a novice hurdle over course and distance (good to firm)
Selection: OCTOBER BREW

3.00 WHITBREAD HANDICAP CHASE (£5,744: 2m 7f 110yds) (8 runners)

1 5/125-1 STUNNING STUFF 10 (C,F,G) (G Gleadell) K Bailey 8-11-10 N Williamson 93
2 643214- THE WIDGET MAN 214 (F,G,S) (A Isley) J Gifford 7-11-6 D Murphy 86
3 02F15P- COOLE DODGER 179 (F,G,S) (Mrs B Searle) M Pipe 8-11-0 R Dunwoody 87
4 21425-3 DANDY MINSTREL 12 (F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 9-10-13 D Bridgwater 93
5 262321- CLEVER SHEPHERD 188 (CD,F,G) (M Lockyer) P Hobbs 8-10-12 Peter Hobbs 98
6 46F3P4- FURRY KNOWE 184 (C,F) (Furry Knowe Partners) B De Haan 8-10-8 S McNeill ⑱
7 3161-F1 *DRAGONS DEN 17 (F,G) (C Heath) S Sherwood 7-10-6* J Osborne 88
8 1-34354 DOONLOUGHAN 5 (F,G) (D Strauss) G Balding 8-10-7 A Maguire 90

BETTING: 5-2 Stunning Stuff, 9-2 Dragons Den, 5-1 Coole Dodger, 11-2 Clever Shepherd, 7-1 The Widget Man, 8-1 Dandy Minstrel, Furry Knowe, 16-1 Doonloughan.

1992: ROMANY KING 8-12-0 Richard Guest (9-4) G Balding 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

STUNNING STUFF beat Nevada Gold 7l in a handicap chase at Worcester (2m 4f 110yd, good). THE WIDGET MAN beat Millie Belle 6l in a 5-runner maiden chase at Fontwell (3m 2f 110yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. DANDY MINSTREL 18l 3rd of 7 to Bonsai Bud in a handicap chase at Wincanton (3m 1f 110yd, good to firm). CLEVER SHEPHERD beat Beresfords Girl 1l in a 14-runner handicap chase over course and distance (good), with DANDY MINSTREL (2lb better off) 15½l 5th. DRAGONS DEN beat Gaelic Frolic a neck in a 9-runner handicap chase at Stratford (2m 5f 110yd, good).
Selection: CLEVER SHEPHERD

3.30 ST AUSTELL BREWERY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,259: 2m 2f) (6 runners)

1 112112- HIGHLAND SPIRIT 10F (CD,F,G) (T Richmond) M Pipe 5-12-0 R Dunwoody 95
2 3231/21- FAR TOO LOUD 241 (F,G) (R Dennis) Mrs J Retter 6-10-9 M A Fitzgerald 93
3 6310-60 NORTHERN SADDLER 10 (F,G,S) (R Evans) R Hodges 6-10-5 G McCourt 95
4 131155 TRUST DEED 11 (B,C,F,G) (F Camis) Mrs A Knight 5-10-0 M A Fitzgerald 93
5 3541-54 CAROMANDOO 12 (V,CD,F,G,S) (Mrs R Henley) A Barrow 5-10-0 A Maguire ⑱
6 5601F3- ALDAHE 245 (G) (B Millman) B Millman 8-10-0 C Maude 67

Long handicap: Trust Deed 9-12, Caromandoo 9-10, Aldahe 8-6

BETTING: 13-8 Highland Spirit, 5-2 Caromandoo, 7-2 Far Too Loud, 6-1 Northern Saddler, 10-1 Trust Deed, 25-1 Aldahe.

1992: BALLYSTATE 4-10-5 G Upton (1-2 fav) C James 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

HIGHLAND SPIRIT beat Canning's College 5l in a 7-runner novice hurdle at Chepstow (2m 4f 110yd, firm) on penultimate start. FAR TOO LOUD beat Stage Player 2½l in a 7-runner handicap hurdle at Newbury (2m 5f, firm).
NORTHERN SADDLER about 25l 6th of 8 to Night Wind in a handicap hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good) on penultimate start.
TRUST DEED best recent effort when beating Amphigory 1½l in a 4-runner handicap hurdle here (2m 3f, firm). CAROMANDOO about 9l 4th of 13 to El Volador in a handicap hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good to firm). ALDAHE best effort when beating Hedgehopper 2l in a 12-runner handicap hurdle at Lingfield (2m 4f, AW).
Selection: CAROMANDOO (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
I Balding	5	8	62.5	G Bradley	7	32	21.9
K Bailey	4	9	44.4	Peter Hobbs	16	74	21.6
M McCormack	3	7	42.9	R Dunwoody	15	74	20.3
M Pipe	95	250	38.0	J Osborne	4	21	19.0
J Gifford	4	13	30.8	A Maguire	5	27	18.5
P Hobbs	25	106	23.6	M A Fitzgerald	12	74	16.2

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Newcastle

Going: soft

1.30 (1m) 1, Public Way (M Fenton, 16-1); 2, Across The Bay (12-1), 3, Malcesine (12-1). 4, Shannon Express (25-1). Tocco Jewel 5-2 fav 20 ran. Nk, ½l N Chamberlain Tote £43 50; £7 50, £2.60, £5 00, £8.50. DF £567 50. Trio: £469 70 CSF £199 42. Tricast: £2,213 11

2.00 (1m 1f 9yd) 1, Campana (J Carroll, Evens), 2, Lord President (4-5 fav); 3, Total Up (20-1) 3 ran 2½l, 25l. J Gosden Tote £1 30 DF £1 10 CSF £2 11.

2.30 (1m 2f 32yd) 1, Majed (Darren Moffatt, 11-8 fav), 2, Mr Confusion (6-4), 3, Lucky Guest (7-2) 4 ran Sh hd, 3½l Mrs M Reveley Tote. £2 40 DF £1 90 CSF: £3 69.

3.00 (1m 4l 93yd) 1, Cumbrian Rhapsody (M Birch, 5-1), 2, Westfield Moves (7-2); 3, In The Money (100-30 fav). 7 ran 2½l, ½l. M H Easterby. Tote: £5 40, £2 70, £1 70 DF. £6.90 CSF £21.67.

3.30 (2m 19yd) 1, Moonlight Eclipse (K Fallon, 10-1); 2, Arc Bright (7-2), 3, Home From The Hill (7-4 fav) 7 ran. 1½l, sh hd. E Alston Tote: £10.00; £2 40, £3 50 DF: £14 60 CSF £41 44 After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.00 (6f) 1, Desert Invader (W R Swinburn, 11-10 fav); 2, Astrac (7-1): 3, Wild Rose Of York (11-2) 8 ran Nk, 2½l. A Scott Tote £2.30; £1 00, £2 30 £2 10. DF £7 40. CSF £8.90.

Placepot: £668.50.

Southwell

Going: standard

12.50 (1m) 1, Midnight Jazz (Emma O'Gorman, 8-1), 2, Able Choice (4-1), 3, Flashfeet (7-1) Talika 8-13 fav. 9 ran 8l, 1½l W O'Gorman Tote £11.10; £2 70, £1.30, £1.20. DF £15 10 CSF. £39.13

1.20 (6f) 1, Champagne Ateaster (G Duffield, 5-2 jt-fav), 2, Fort Know (5-2 jt-fav), 3, Dame Prospect (33-1) 9 ran NR: Oliver-J Hd, 7l, S Norton Tote £3.10, £1 10, £1 40, £3 40 DF £5 40. CSF. £5 82.

1.50 (1m) 1, Savings Bank (V Halliday, 14-1), 2, Lady Sabina (4-5 fav); 3, Risky Venture (9-2), 8 ran 10l, 1½l T Barron. Tote: £11.90; £1.00, £1 30, £1 10. DF £10.90. CSF £27 16.

2.20 (7f) 1, Dream Carrier (V Halliday, 12-1), 2, Field Of Vision (10-1), 3, Highborn (7-2 fav); 4, Fighter Squadron (20-1) 16 ran 4l, 1l. T Barron. Tote. £10.20; £1.60, £3.00, £1.20, £3.50. DF: £65 00 Trio: £103.20. CSF: £112 93 Tricast: £462.91

2.50 (6f) 1, In A Moment (G Duffield, 11-4); 2, Clanon Call (4-5 fav); 3, Cure Crusader (7-1) 10 ran. 3l, 7l S Norton. Tote: £3.70. £1 10, £1 10, £1.90. DF. £1 80 CSF. £5.32

3.20 (1m 4f) 1, Cliburnel News (S Mulvey, 9-2), 2, Don't Be Saki (33-1); 3, Nancy (20-1) Saifaah 9-4 fav. 17 ran. 10l, nk. M Tompkins. Tote. £4.60, £1.40, £8 70, £3.40. DF £62.10. CSF: £123.60.

3.50 (6f) 1, Pharaoh's Dancer (D Gibbs, 9-1); 2, Avril Etoile (12-1), 3, Savahra Sound (12-1), 4, Very Dicey (12-1) Mu-Arrik 7-1 fav 16 ran 2l, 1½l M McCormack. Tote: £19 30, £3 00, £3.30, £2.50, £3.20 DF: £517.80, CSF. £111.44 Tricast: £1,215.47.

4.20 (1m) 1, Down D Islands (W Newnes, 5-1); 2, Highly Fashionable (11-2); 3, Walworth Lady (33-1). Non Vintage 9-4 fav. 13 ran 4l, nk. R Hannon Tote: £9.30; £2 70, £2.70, £11.20 DF £22.20. CSF: £32.34. Tricast. £754.93

Placepot: £43.70.

Plumpton

Going: good to firm

1.40 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Dominant Force (D Murphy, 5-1). 2, Glencarrig Gale (12-1); 3, Making Time (33-1). Masnun 11-8 fav. 14 ran. 3l, 4l. R Hannon. Tote. £5 10; £2.10, £1.90, £4.10. DF £13.30. CSF: £55 87.

2.10 (2m 5f ch) 1, Little Tom (A Maguire, 6-5 fav). 2, Richville (5-2); 3, Love Anew (5-1). 6 ran. NR: Unique New York. 5l, 8l J King. Tote: £2 00; £1.30, £2.90 DF £2.40. CSF: £4.48.

2.40 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Alosaili (M Stevens, 8-1); 2, Oh So Handy (33-1); 3, Handsome Ned (6-1) Manhattan Boy 7-4 fav. 10 ran 10l, 5l. B Stevens. Tote: £11 30; £2 00, £3.90, £1 30 DF £248.40 CSF: £175 51 Tricast: £1,622 24

3.10 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Imperial Brush (A Maguire, 2-1); 2, Gallant Effort (7-1); 3, Pardon Me Mum (5-4 fav) 5 ran. ½l, 20l. J White. Tote: £2 80; £1 80, £1.30. DF: £4 40 CSF. £13 39

3.40 (3m ch) 1, Belmoredean (D O'Sullivan, 11-2); 2, Kisu Kali (13-2); 3, Colapaxi (20-1) Mr Felix 11-4 fav 7 ran. 1l, 3½l. R O'Sullivan Tote £6 30: £3.20, £2.50 DF: £20.10. CSF: £36 15.

4.10 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Cavo Greco (D Skyrme, 2-1 fav), 2, Thuhool (11-4); 3, Santa Ponsa Bay (4-1) 4 ran 7l, ¾l J Joseph. Tote. £3.20 DF £4 20. CSF: £7 13.

Placepot: £3,062.40.

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1.15 Serious Option. 1.45 Sharp Falcon. 2.15 Dark Den. 2.45 Wassl This Then. 3.15 Southern Power. 3.45 Blyton Lad.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.45 BLYTON LAD.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.15 Dark Den. 2.45 MISTY GODDESS (nap). 3.15 Bedoon Resoom.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

1.15 IAN HIRD CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,201: 6f) (4 runners)

1 2110 SERIOUS OPTION 12 (D,F,S) P Cole 9-5 T Quinn 3
2 4521 AMBER VALLEY 13 (D,S) J Hanson 9-1 W Carson 2
3 5264 BRAILLE 13 (D,S) M Johnston 8-13 J Weaver 1
4 1320 CRAGGAMMORE 52 (F) J Hills 8-13 M Hills 4

7-4 Braille, 9-4 Amber Valley, 5-2 Serious Option, 6-1 Craggammore.

1.45 JON CHARLTON NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,494: 7f) (15)

1 2102 CLOSE TO REALITY 46 (BF,F) Mrs J Ramsden 9-7 D Thomas (7) 6
2 5213 FORGOTTEN DANCER 13 (S) R Hannon 9-2 J Reid 2
3 3500 BROCTUNE GOLD 10 (S) Mrs M Reveley 8-13 T Quinn 1
4 615 KAITAK 11 (D,S) J Carr 8-9 G Parkin (7) 9
5 3100 DYNAMIC DELUXE 12 (S) Mrs J Ramsden 8-6 K Fallon 14
6 2000 NEW INN 11 (D,G) E Weymes 8-6 J Quinn 13
7 030 FRUSTRATED POET 13 J Etherington 8-6 L Charnock 12
8 1000 PRIZEFIGHTER 10 (D,F) T Barron 8-2 S Maloney (3) 11
9 0024 SHARP FALCON 13 J Wharton 8-1 M Roberts 3
10 4016 STRAPPED 5 (S) M Channon 8-1 N Adams 7
11 0513 BENEFICIARY 7 (CD,F,S) M H Easterby 7-10 W Carson 8
12 0500 *MELODY DANCER 7 R Hollinshead 7-10* A Garth (5) 4
13 4000 SECONDS AWAY 12 A Harrison 7-7 J Lowe 10
14 4356 DOUCE MAISON 10 A Jarvis 7-7 D Wright (5) 5
15 600 GRETELS PET 18 J Bottomley 7-7 G Bardwell 15

4-1 Beneficiary, 5-1 Forgotten Dancer, 6-1 Dynamic Deluxe, 7-1 Prizefighter, 8-1 Close To Reality, 10-1 Sharp Falcon, Frustrated Poet, 12-1 Strapped, 14-1 others.

2.15 BERYL BERRY HANDICAP (£3,850: 1m 3f) (11)

1 2242 GILDERDALE 38 (C,F,G) J Hills 11-10-0 M Henry (7) 11
2 3212 SURREY DANCER 3 (F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-13 S Copp (7) 3
3 0063 DARK DEN 50 (BF) Mrs J Cecil 3-9-10 Paul Eddery 9
4 3011 KAGRAM QUEEN 7 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-0 (5ex) K Fallon 4
5 -020 UNFINISHEDBUSINESS 18 J Watts 3-8-11 N Connorton 8
6 60-0 TUDOR ISLAND 12 C Brittain 4-8-9 M Birch 6
7 0023 PRIMO FIGLIO 17 (B,S) Miss L Siddall 3-8-7 D Harrison 10
8 3800 ROUSITTO 4 (CD,F,S) R Hollinshead 5-8-2 A Garth (5) 7
9 0000 HOTEL CALIFORNIA 45 (F) D Chapman 3-7-8 S Wood 2
10 1000 BOLD AMBITION 26 (F,G) T Kersey 6-7-7 J Lowe 5
11 3500 BARDIA 7 E Weymes 3-7-7 Kim Tinkler 1

11-4 Surrey Dancer, 3-1 Gilderdale, 7-2 Kagram Queen, 9-2 Dark Den, 10-1 Tudor Island, 12-1 Rousitto, 14-1 Hotel California, 16-1 others.

2.45 DICK GLARVEY HANDICAP (£3,340: 1m 2f) (17)

1 6200 ROYAL CITIZEN 43 (D,G) J Bottomley 4-10-0 S Maloney (3) 16
2 1100 MR TATE 12 (D,F,G) R Akehurst 4-10-0 T Quinn 13
3 6300 LET'S GET LOST 17 (C,F) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-13 J Carroll 15
4 6601 SARTIGILA 7 (C,S) M Hammond 4-9-10 (5ex) J Marshall (5) 11
5 0103 WASSL THIS THEN 12 (D,F,G,S) D Arbuthnot 4-9-8 R Price 9
6 3032 LOMBARD SHIPS 14 (B,F,G,S) A Bailey 6-9-6 A Mackay 7
7 2005 MISTY GODDESS 12 (C,D,F,G) M Jarvis 5-9-3 K Rutter (5) 14
8 2314 ESSAYEFFSEE 3 (CD,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-3 Darren Moffatt (5) 12
9 *0004 NO SUBMISSION 26 (D,G,S) D Chapman 7-9-3* S Wood 1
10 3003 NO COMEBACKS 7 (C,D,F,S) E Alston 5-9-0 K Fallon 2
11 0300 EUROTWIST 12 (G,S) T Barron 4-9-0 V Halliday (7) 8
12 6520 MEDIA MESSENGER 19 (B) Denys Smith 4-8-13 C Teague (7) 3
13 5500 BRESIL 5 A Jarvis 4-8-12 A Clark 17
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15 4/003 ALKABAR 7 Miss L Siddall 5-8-5 D Harrison 10
16 4000 FLASHELLA 35 J Hetherton 3-8-3 W Carson 6
17 0605 YOUNG JASON 38 (C,F,G,S) F Lee 10-8-2 Paul Eddery 5

5-1 Lombard Ships, 8-1 Alkabar, Eurotwist, 8-1 Misty Goddess, No Comebacks, Mr Tate, 10-1 Sartigila, 12-1 Wassl This Then, 14-1 others

3.15 EBF HARRY RUDLAND MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,199: 7f) (9)

1 BEDOON RESOOM J Gosden 9-0 M Roberts 8
2 BLACK ICE BOY R Bastiman 9-0 H Bastiman (7) 7
3 *COLLIER ROW R Akehurst 9-0* T Quinn 6
4 5 CRACKHILL FARM 11 J Hanson 9-0 W Carson 9
5 0 CULRAIN 64 Miss S Hall 9-0 N Connorton 2
6 SHELTERED COVE C Brittain 9-0 M Birch 3
7 2452 SOUTHERN POWER 14 (BF) R Hannon 9-0 J Reid 1
8 55 SUPERHOO 46 C Thornton 9-0 J Fanning 4
9 0 EILEEN'S DARLING 17 T Kersey 8-9 J Lowe 5

7-4 Southern Power, 9-4 Bedoon Resoom, 4-1 Crackhill Farm, 7-1 Sheltered Cove, 10-1 Collier Row, 16-1 others

3.45 JOHN BERRY CONDITIONS STAKES (£4,157: 5f) (8)

1 6533 BLYTON LAD 17 (CD,F,G) M Camacho 7-9-10 S Webster 1
2 0000 ANSELLMAN 12 (D,S) B Smart 3-9-2 Mark Denaro (7) 2
3 0530 MEDAILLE D'OR 17 (B,D,F,G,S) J Payne 5-9-2 A Munro 4
4 *0021 INHERENT MAGIC 10 (D,G) M McCormack 4-9-0* A Clark 7
5 3020 CRADLE DAYS 12 (D,F,G) R Hannon 4-8-13 M Roberts 5
6 2110 MAGIC PEARL 12 (D,BF,S) E Alston 3-8-13 S Knott (7) 8
7 4331 CALAMANCO 15 (D,S) A Smith 3-8-7 M Birch 6
8 00 COOL ETOILE 36 R Hollinshead 3-8-7 A Eddery (7) 3

Evens Blyton Lad, 4-1 Cradle Days, 6-1 Medaille D'Or, 8-1 Inherent Magic, 10-1 Magic Pearl, 14-1 Calamanco, 20-1 others.

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JOCKEYS: J Reid, 10 winners from 32 rides, 31.3%; Paul Eddery, 17 from 86, 19.8%; D Harrison, 5 from 28, 17.9%, J Marshall, 4 from 24, 16.7%; M Birch, 27 from 216, 12.5%; K Fallon, 19 from 169, 11.2%.

☐ Majed, a winner at Newcastle yesterday, could miss Saturday's William Hill November *Handicap if the ground at Doncaster remains* fast. He is quoted at 10-1 third favourite.

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Sampdoria find way round offside trap to prove AC Milan are fallible

Gullit inspires astonishing recovery



The Dutch master, Gullit, architect of Sampdoria's thrilling victory over AC Milan, the club that discarded him in the summer. Photograph: Simon Bruty/Allsport



ROB HUGHES
Overseas Football

IN GENOA on Sunday, football had one of its most astonishing turnarounds in the history of Serie A. By coming from two goals down to overwhelm and outwit AC Milan with a 3-2 victory, Sampdoria achieved, according to Rudd Gullit, "what the whole of Italy has been waiting for, someone to compete with and defeat Milan".

Gullit had certainly been waiting. For he, discarded as a spent force by Milan in the summer, has been both the inspiration and chief goal-scorer for Sampdoria. This was a victory for a man's spirit, a victory for the tactical mind, and for the ghost of a recently buried Sampdoria president.

When Paolo Mantovani persuaded Gullit and David Platt to join Sampdoria this year, those were the president's final acts of rebuilding a side which, as he said, he trusted would undermine the imperious perch which Milan had occupied for an extraordinary time.

Alas, as 40,000 people who attended the funeral know, Mantovani was not around to count the fact that it was 73 games, and two years plus ten days, since the Milanese fell off that leadership perch.

Nobody would have thought it possible after 13 minutes on Sunday when Sampdoria, starting in awe of Milan, were taken down both flanks by the craft and quickness of Donadoni and Brian Laudrup, and fell two goals adrift. As a visiting team, Milan play an offside trap that is so well rehearsed, such an act of timing, that if ever negativity can be described as a beautiful art, then it is in the way Franco Baresi manipulates this offside ploy.

But Gullit, of course, is familiar with both the plan and the planning. He had spent his prime as part of it, and at half-time he and Sampdoria's Swedish manager, Sven Goran Eriksson, devised the counter plot. They turned a negative into a positive.

Their idea was so simple that one wonders why clubs around the world do not use similar counter intelligence.

Sampdoria asked their captain, Roberto Mancini, to sacrifice his front-running, and attack Milan from midfield. This had two effects: it had been Mancini, such an excitable and eager runner, who was so often the rabbit in the trap. Furthermore, by bringing on as a substitute, Mauro Bertarelli, and pairing him with Gullit, Sampdoria then relied on the eyes and the passing skills of Mancini and Platt.

Gullit is close once again to greatness. He created the first goal with a chipped centre for the tall, former Yugoslav, Srecko Katanec, to head into the net.

Mancini, running from the deep, was then pulled back by the shirt by Costacurta, and Mancini rose to score the equalising penalty.

By now the composure of Baresi and company was exposed. Gullit was waiting his crowning opportunity, and 13 minutes from time Mancini found him with a perceptive pass. Dallying for a fraction to unhinge the Milan offside trap, persuading by his presence, Costacurta to hang back and mark him, Gullit then delivered the winning goal with a right-foot shot of emphatic and lusty power.

The trap was sprung, Milan were done, and how predictable and fatuous that their suddenly harassed coach, Capello, should moan to the press that "in my dressing-room there is a side completely destroyed by what they suffered".

Capello claimed that all three goals were "irregular". Nonsense, they were the dismantling not only of a tactic but of reputation. And by whom? Chiefly by Gullit.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Mansell allowed to leave hospital

NIGEL Mansell, the former world champion racing driver, left hospital yesterday after crashing in the TOCA shoot-out touring race at Donington Park on Sunday and said: "It could have been a lot worse. I had a lucky escape." Mansell, who was making his first appearance on a British circuit for 15 months, emerged from Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham, where he spent the night under observation in the hospital's neuro-surgical unit. A collision with the parapet of a bridge has left him with a stiff neck and a bruised right hip.

The IndyCar world champion, 40, was carried off on a stretcher after being cut from the car because of fears about his back, which he injured when he ploughed into a wall at 180mph on the oval circuit at Phoenix earlier this year. He was in third place when he lost control of his Ford Mondeo, hit a Vauxhall Cavalier driven by the television presenter, Tiff Needell, and struck the support of Starkey's Bridge.

Street leaves Leigh

RUGBY LEAGUE: Less than a week after dismissing their general manager, John Stringer, to cut costs, Leigh, who have yet to win this season, have had to sell their captain, Tim Street, to Hull. "I was happy at Leigh, but they are in such a desperate financial situation, I realise why they have accepted Hull's offer." Street, who was listed at £100,000, said. Leigh, who are bottom of the first division, meet Huddersfield, the second division leaders, in the second round of the Regal Trophy.

DRAW: Second round: Widnes v Doncaster; Rochdale v Bramley; Batley v Sheffield; Halifax v Keighley; Warrington v Hunslet, Salford v Leeds; Hull KR v Castleford; Swinton v Hull; Dewsbury v St Helens; Highfield v Oldham; Ryedale-York v Workington; Whitehaven v Wigan; London Crusaders v Featherstone, Barrow v Bradford Northern, Carlisle v Wakefield; Leigh v Huddersfield. Matches to be played weekend of November 13-14

Monsanta in the clear

EQUESTRIANISM: Michael Whitaker brought the Millstreet show in Co Cork to an emotional close when he and the 19-year-old, Everest Monsanta, won the Dairygold indoor derby for the second year running (Jenny MacArthur writes). Whitaker, who shortly before the class received an award in recognition of the Irish-bred Monsanta's distinguished career, completed the jump-off almost two seconds ahead of the runner-up, Alexandra Ledermann, of France, on Rochet Rouge. The other Britons to reach the jump-off, Graham Fletcher, on Yorkshire Gent, and Peter Murphy, on Early Edition, had a fence down.

Smyth ends lean spell

GOLF: Des Smyth, bouncing back after three-putting twice in succession, won the Madrid Open, his first European Tour victory for five years, yesterday. The Irishman, whose last success was at the Jersey Open in 1988, shot a fourth-round 71 for a 16-under-par aggregate of 272 to finish three strokes clear of Mark Roe, Wayne Westner, of South Africa, and the Spaniards, José Rivero and Domingo Hospital. Yesterday Smyth had to play eight holes to complete his round, which had been suspended because of darkness the previous night. He won £66,660 to jump from 56th place to thirtieth in the order of merit.

Jackman slips down

SQUASH: Cassandra Jackman has dropped from third to fifth in the women's international rankings following her poor showing in the world open championship in Johannesburg in September. Jackman, 20, the English champion from Norfolk, lost in the quarter-finals in Johannesburg to Sabine Schoene, of Germany, who is ranked twelfth. The leading positions are held by the Australians, Michelle Martin, the world champion, and Liz Irving, with Suzanne Horner, of Yorkshire, the leading Briton, taking third place. Sue Wright, of Kent, is sixth.

Greenway makes sure

FENCING: The British women's team won the Oslo Cup epée competition in Norway at the weekend. In the final match, Carol Greenway, of London, secured the title for Britain in a close encounter with Gothenburg that brought victory by five fights to four. Earlier, Elizabeth Jordan, still under 20, beat Nina Stenland, the world-class Norwegian, who won the individual event. Alda Milner-Barry, who finished sixth, was the leading British individual performer. The British men's team finished fourth in an event in which Estonians took all the top positions.

Norman's self-conquest

GOLF: Jim Gallagher, of the United States, won the Tour championship tournament at the Olympic Club, San Francisco, by one stroke after the challenge of Greg Norman, the Open champion, collapsed with four bogeys in the last seven holes. Norman began the back nine two strokes clear of the field but his blunders allowed Gallagher to take the $540,000 (about £364,000) first prize. "Mentally I put in a pathetic performance," Norman said. After posting a two-under-par 69 to finish at seven under for the tournament, on 277, Gallagher watched Norman falter.

Leone relies on pace

EQUESTRIANISM: Mark Leone, 31, of the United States, rode Artos, his ten-year-old grey stallion, to the fastest clear round in the jump-off to win President Clinton's Cup and the $50,000 grand prix at the Washington international show at Landover, Maryland. John Popely, 22, winner of the Foxhunter championship at Wembley a month ago, was seventh, the highest-placed Briton. Popely rode Bluebird with the skill of a veteran but had one quarter of a time fault so did not make the jump-off. Other British placings: 8, Denizen (T Grubb); 9, Secret Pride (M Lamni).

England put Snow back in fast lane

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

KEITH Fletcher, the England cricket manager, has corrected a grievous and long-standing omission by engaging John Snow as a bowling coach. Snow's duties begin today at Lilleshall and he will work with England's bowlers both before and during the forthcoming Caribbean tour.

Snow, 52, accepted a personal approach by Fletcher to join the England coaching team, now increased to seven with the further addition of Fred Titmus. Geoff Arnold, solely responsible for England's fast bowlers for the past two years, will now share the position with Snow and both will be in the West Indies for a part of the tour.

It is a mystery why Snow was not involved long ago, well before Fletcher's accession to the manager's job, for his talents as a communicator of technique and knowledge are widely appreciated within the game. His headstrong, rebellious image from playing days may unfairly have lingered; if so, it has been to the detriment of a generation of fast bowlers who could have been only improved by his attentions.

Apart from a fleeting return to Hove as a pre-season coach in 1987, Snow has been lost to cricket since his playing days. Micky Stewart, when England manager, did once ask him if he would be prepared to help the bowlers and Snow readily agreed. He heard nothing more.

Snow runs a travel business that will take him to the West Indies for four of the five Test matches. Arnold will be present for two, his passage paid by the Whittingdale sponsorship that has enabled England to adopt a more professional tour preparation.

New Zealanders win, page 44

Wang tempted by London's carat

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN SAN SEBASTIAN

WANG Junxia, the best of the Chinese women runners, may yet be tempted to compete in Britain for the first time next spring, in the NutraSweet London marathon, but Richard Nerurkar, the World Cup champion, will not challenge Eamonn Martin for his men's title.

David Bedford, London's elite field director, came to the World Cup here at the weekend to pitch for Chinese labours and departed yesterday after meeting their representatives. "I do not think they have decided if they want a spring marathon, but if they want one they understand London and how it works," Bedford said.

Ma Junren, who coaches the Chinese women, said that it would be up to his national federation to approve their programme next year. "They will do whatever the federation says," Ma said. Given that the $122,000 (£82,500) which the Chinese women's team won here will be put towards a training centre for coaches, the prospect of another windfall is hardly going to be denied official approval.

This was a prize-money only event, but the Chinese would earn appearance money in London. Despite the financial strains of an agreement with Liz McColgan, and one still under discussion with Martin, Bedford indicated that he could nevertheless afford a Chinese deal. "We have a decent budget," he added. A further expense, however, would be insurance against a world best, the premium for which would be considerable if Wang took part.

The best deal that Bedford could strike would be to secure Wang only. If McColgan, who preceded Wang as 10,000 metres world champion, is to have any chance, she must be spared the intimidation of Chinese team running.

In the city where Bedford won the international cross country championship (now the world championship), he saw in Nerurkar a British athlete whom he believes capable of higher honours. "He will win the Europeans," Bedford said. Ultimately, Nerurkar, who is new to the marathon, might break two hours eight minutes, Bedford thought. His time on Sunday was 2hr 10min 03sec.

With a choice of Common-



Bedford: negotiating

wealth Games and European championships next year, Nerurkar and his coach, Bruce Tulloh, have chosen the latter. "The European title is more meaningful," Tulloh said.

The altitude camp at Font Romeu, which Nerurkar used in preparation, will probably be adopted now as an official base by the British Athletic Federation (BAF). "The London marathon is going to put some money in, together with the BAF, which is going to enable our elite athletes to use these facilities," Gordon Surtees, Britain's World Cup team manager, said. "For years, we have had to do things on a shoestring."

Surtees added that the British team for the European championships is to be named in January, and the England squad for the Commonwealth Games in April. One selection which has taken place already is that of the BAF's new chief executive. An announcement is expected this week.

Wigan learn lesson from disastrous gamble



Dorahy: calls in chips

Christopher Irvine believes the champions will regroup and regain momentum after their humbling at Castleford

ON LEARNING of their extraordinary capitulation at Castleford on Sunday, a casual observer might ask, if it has not exactly burst, then is the Wigan bubble at least deflating? Like the first cuckoo, the question in rugby league arrives early in the season. By April, Central Park is enjoying its annual knees-up and preparing for the annual Wembley awayday.

Flash-in-the-pans have a habit of being just that. Wigan, habitually, perhaps perversely, blow up spectacularly once a year and then proceed to carry all before them. The previous time was a 41-6 mauling by St Helens last December. Everybody should have known better. Wigan eventually pipped their arch-rivals to a fourth successive championship title, and eliminated St Helens early during an imperious stroll to a sixth consecutive Challenge Cup.

A look at the mitigating circumstances of the 46-0 defeat by Castleford, although Wigan's worst for 21 years, shows they were without 11 first-choice players. The depths of talent in any club are not bottomless. Wigan are no exception. It is just that they have been fortunate in the past in covering up well.

Their mistake, somewhat arrogantly, was in assuming they could do so again. An invitation by the Rugby League at the start of last week to postpone the game at Wheldon Road, because of the club's five international call-ups by Great Britain and New Zealand, should have been accepted by the Wigan board.

By the time Andrew Farrell — summoned to the Britain squad for the first time yesterday — and Barrie-John Mather joined a lengthy casualty list, after playing for the international under-21 side against the Kiwis last Tuesday, it was too late to reverse the decision. A barely recognisable Wigan were hoist by their own petard. Castleford rattling up eight tries.

Having gambled and lost heavily, John Dorahy, the Wigan coach, is calling in his chips. The home game on Sunday against Sheffield Eagles, the day after the third Test at Headingley, has already been postponed. "May be we were being a bit clever in trying not to add to the end-of-season backlog of matches, but I think we should have had more leeway to call off the Castleford game," Dorahy said.

If not on that point, it is hard not to feel a twinge of sympathy for Dorahy. In ten weeks, he has not once been able to field a full strength side. With only a second-round Regal Trophy tie at Whitehaven before the next league fixture at Bradford Northern on November 19, there is a chance to regroup and for injuries to heal.

In taking care of business towards the season's end, Wigan are usually at their best. They have failed to scale previous heights so far, and Bradford, Warrington, Castleford and Halifax have all improved their acts this time. However, injuries at these clubs have been comparatively light and will, inevitably, arise.

Until there is a better structured season, with fewer games, absences will continue to play too important a role. While celebrating his call to the 19-man international squad, Farrell, the 18-year-old back row forward, is still nursing a shoulder injury. His replacement of the Hull prop, Steve McNamara, a travelling reserve last Saturday, is the only change by Britain.

New Zealand announce their side before the match at Widnes tonight. Britain train at Castleford tomorrow when Reilly is expected to announce an unchanged line-up.

WORD MATCHING

Answers from page 48

TARSORRHAPHY

(c) Stitching the eyelids together, plastic suture of the eyelid, from the Greek *tarsus* the rim of the eyelid + *rhaphein* to sew: "Tarsorrhaphy is a practice with an extensive historical following, and has been hotly recommended by both Orpheus and the friends of Lot's wife."

TAPINOSIS

(a) The use of degrading Uriah Heepish diction about a subject. Adapted from the Greek *tapeinosis* lowness of style. 1657 J. Smith, *Mysteries of Rhetoric*: "In Meiosis, the speaker ought to take care that he fall not into that fault of speech, called *tapinosis*, humility, that is when the dignity or majesty of a high matter is much defaced by the baseneese of a word."

UNDERGROPE

(a) To conceive or understand, to investigate, to learn. 1412, Lydgate: "And whan his freend the sothe gan vndirgrope/ Of this myscheef." 1447 Bokenham, *Seyntys*: "The secunde yer of the forseyd pope,/ As be cronyculers I vndyrgrope, Fel a fal grenows dissencyoun."

INTERBASTATION

(c) Quilting. From the French *interbast-er* to quilt, to sew (cotton, etc.) between sheets so as to keep them in place. 1657, Tomlinson *Renou's Disp.*: "This medicinal Powder interbastated in Cotten."

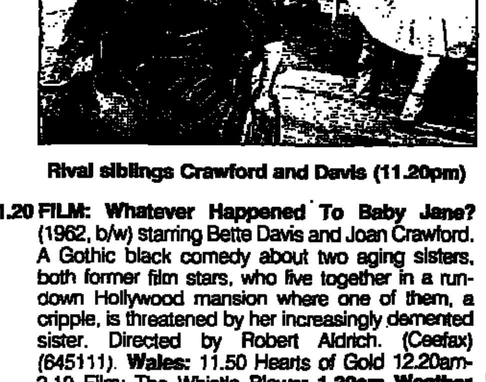
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With 1 Rxf7 Qxe6 2 Rg7+ Kf8 3 Rf7+ White gives perpetual check, as the black king is locked in a box.

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6.00 Business Breakfast (11647)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (52273227)
9.05 Kilroy. Studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (9704753) **9.45 Newshound**. Current affairs quiz (s) (1156395)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (3593802) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (6907444)
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine series (78016840)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Joining Judi Spiers are Patricia Routledge and Paul Daniels (s) (2959208) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (76989840)
1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (55918)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (42828227) **1.50 Going for Gold** with the effervescent Henry Kelly (s) (42822043)
2.15 Rugby Union. Live coverage of the game at Anfield between the North and New Zealand. The commentators are Nigel Starmer-Smith and Bill Beaumont (s) (442395)
3.55 Moomin (7144005) **4.20 Spacevets** (s) (1219314) **4.35 What's That Noise?** The Tracy brothers explore the Tyneside music scene (s) (1097395)
5.00 Newsround (1909734) **5.10 Byker Grove**. *Children's drama serial. (Ceefax) (2515227)*
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (932869). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford. (Ceefax) Weather (31)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (11). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Hearts of Gold. *More unsung acts of kindness or* courage celebrated by Esther Rantzen, Mike Smith, Sir Harry Secombe and John Humphrys. (Ceefax) (9802). **Wales:** Six of One
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (95)
8.00 Children's Hospital. Fly-on-the-wall series from Sheffield Children's Hospital (Ceefax) (8550)
8.30 A Question of Sport *presented by David Coleman.* Joining Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham this week are Liz McColgan, Jonathan Davies, Andy Goram and Jonny Searle. (Ceefax) (s) (7685)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (5821)
9.30 Between the Lines. Drama series about internal investigations within Britain's security services. (Ceefax) (s) (609289). **Wales:** Week In Week Out 10.00 Between the Lines 10.50-11.50 Omnibus
10.20 CHOICE **Omnibus: Magic Lantern.** (Ceefax) (s) (489647)
Northern Ireland: Country Times 10.45 Omnibus 11.45-1.55am Film: Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?

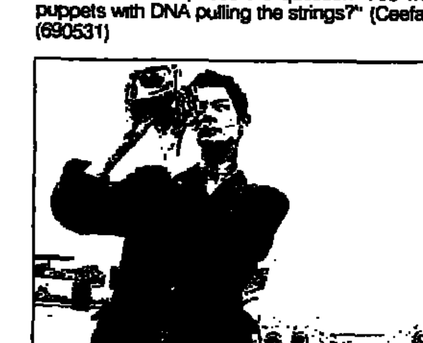


Rival siblings Crawford and Davis (11.20pm)

11.20 FILM: Whatever Happened To Baby Jane? (1962, b/w) starring Bette Davis and Joan Crawford. A Gothic black comedy about two aging sisters, both former film stars, who live together in a run-down Hollywood mansion where one of them, a cripple, is threatened by her increasingly demented sister. Directed by Robert Aldrich. (Ceefax) (645111). **Wales:** 11.50 Hearts of Gold 12.20am-2.10 Film: The Whistle Blower **1.30am Weather** (2059390)
2.15-3.45 BBC Select: Executive Business Club. Scrambled (911241) **3.15 Legal Network Television.** Scrambled (23628)

BBC2

6.00 Breakfast News (9031192)
8.15 Westminster (1164442)
9.00 Reviving Antiques. Advice on cleaning scientific *instruments* (r) (7238376)
9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **1.20 The Brollys** (81196314) **1.35-1.40 Crystal Tipps and Alistair** (96896869)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (90729647) **2.05 You and Me** (r) (14680647) **2.15 Canvas**. Paul Harris admires *Sunflowers* and other works by Van Gogh (r) (14693111) **2.30 See Hear!** (r) (s) (44)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (4148753) **3.05 Westminster Live.** Includes prime minister's questions. (Ceefax) (9505043) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7544444)
4.00 Catchword Word game (s) (24)
4.30 Great Crimes and Trials of the 20th-Century (b/w). The first of a new series looks at the life and crimes of New York gangster "Lucky" Luciano (s) (68)
5.00 Today's the Day. Quiz show with Martyn Lewis (7208) **5.30 Film 93 with Barry Norman** (r) (s) (60)
6.00 Film: Rampage (1963) starring Robert Mitchum and Jack Hawkins. Adventure yarn about two big game hunters hired to capture a rare Malaysian creature for a German zoo. Directed by Phil Karlson (67312227)
7.35 Animation Now. *Back to the Inkwell* (r) (295918)
7.45 Assignment: Unfinished Business. Jeremy Bowen reports on the Bosnian army's battles with the Croats and Serbs (466314)
8.30 Food and Drink presented by Chris Kelly, Michael Barry, Jill Goolden and Oz Clarke (s) (5227)
9.00 Naked Video 2½. Highlights from the award-winning comedy series. (Ceefax) (3463)
9.30 Cracking the Code: Freedom in the Genes. The last in the series poses the question "Are we just puppets with DNA pulling the strings?" (Ceefax) (s) (690531)



Close encounter at a service station (10.20pm)

10.20 10 x 10: The Traveller. Science fiction comedy about what an alien's impression of Britain might be if it landed at a motorway service station. (Ceefax) (s) (793869).
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman. Includes the first of a two-part report from the Sudan. (Ceefax) (625647)
11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (778463) **11.55 Weather** (491192)
12.00 Booker 1993. A reading from this year's prize-winner (s) (6934703)
12.15am Film: The Gangster (1947, b/w) starring Barry Sullivan. A petty criminal who graduates to successful gangster begins to examine his life and finds it wanting. Directed by Gordon Wiles (160715). Ends at **1.45**
2.00-3.40 Night School. A-level German (r) (353067)

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CHOICE



Liz Smith, Dora Bryan in *Wise Children* (C4, 8.00pm)

Blow Your Mind
Channel 4, 8.00pm

Television is often blamed for the decline in the nation's reading habits, but it can also help stimulate interest in books. In celebration of National Library Week, Channel 4 offers five intriguing mini-dramas drawn from *Wise Children*, by Angela Carter, *Excess*, by Victor Headley, *Berenice*, by Edgar Allan Poe, *One More Thing*, by Raymond Carver and *Ulysses* by James Joyce. This introductory programme offers a chance to see all five in one show, but the films will be repeated over the next few days. Despite sharing the same director, Coky Giedroyc, the extracts seem refreshingly different from each other. Highlights include Roy Hudd as Angela Carter's gross comic, Gorgeous George, and Frances Barber performing part of Molly Bloom's soliloquy from *Ulysses*.

Omnibus: Magic Lantern
BBC1, 10.20pm (Scotland, 10.50pm)

You would expect eloquence from the novelist and playwright Michael Frayn and his idosyncratic portrait of Prague proves to be full of literary flourishes and conceits. The occasion for the visit is Frayn's 60th birthday and there is a whiff of self-indulgence about his decision to go-it-alone, seemingly not talking to anyone who might mess up his carefully worked out view of the place. The result, however, is a quirky history lesson which in its exploration of architecture, magic lantern theatre and the puppets and puppet-masters of Czech politics past and present, goes way beyond the average travelog.

First Tuesday: Johnny Kingdom and the Secret of Happiness
ITV, 10.40pm

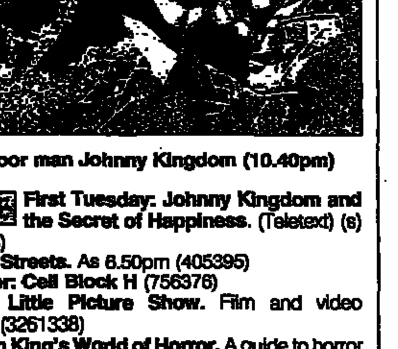
After a ten year run, *First Tuesday* reaches its final transmission on the ITV network, though it will continue to be made for Discovery Channel. In the light of past triumphs such as *Katie and Eilash: Siamese Twins*, *Windscale: The Nuclear Laundry* and *The Guildford Time Bomb*, this film about an amateur wildlife film-maker seems slightly insipid. The best thing about it is the photography; Kingdom is a Devonshire gravedigger and nature enthusiast whose patience and ability to deer-stalk has enabled him to shoot close-up video footage of birds, foxes, badgers and many other animals on Exmoor. Less interesting is *Kingdom's personal life* and the programme's didactic insistence that he is idyllically happy because of his lovely home, family, wife, neighbours, church and country lifestyle.

Crawshaw's Watercolour Studio
Channel 4, 3.55pm

"Why don't you have a go?", begs the avuncular Alwyn Crawshaw as we embark on a new series of his appealing art programmes. Accessible as it all is, this is actually a fairly advanced course, picking up where *A Brush With Art* left off. There is an assumption that you know about perspective, composition and accurate drawing. Now comes the fun. Having completed a sketch in the field, Crawshaw retreats to his studio where he is able to churn out four seasonal variations of his landscape. The format is simple, but winningly so; fans will not be surprised to learn that Crawshaw's series have sold all over the world. **Stephanie Billen**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV(8587840)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep. Game show (s) (7266289) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6916192)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion series (s) (3023314)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine (78017579) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7814734)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (9852956)
12.55 Emmerdale (r). (Teletext) (9837647) **1.25 Home and Away**. Australian family drama. (Teletext) (30106005) **1.55 A Country Practice**. Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (42816482)
2.20 Gardener's Diary. Seasonal advice (59445647) **2.50 The Young Doctors** Australian hospital drama (7991208)
3.20 ITN News headlines (4155043) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (4154314)
3.30 The Riddlers (2194395) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (7575314) **3.50 Cartoon** starring Porky Pig (7571598) **4.00 The Raggy Dolls** (s) (1291918) **4.15 Hurricanes**. First in a new animated series about a football team playing in the first international league (4696376) **4.40 Children's Ward.** Hospital drama series. (Teletext) (s) (5802111)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (s) (2782482)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (559685)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) (304314)
6.50 Off the Streets. Series about the homeless, filmed at St Botolph's Crypt Centre, Aldgate (709376)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (4598)
7.30 Beam and Da Silva. The investigative duo are on the trail of those buying huge amounts of alcohol at the French channel ports to sell at a profit in and around London (63)
8.00 The Bill. PCs Quinnan and Garfield investigate the death of an old woman found in an empty house. (Teletext) (8078)
8.30 The Hypnotic World of Paul McKenna. Ten volunteers lose their inhibitions under the influence of hypnotist Paul McKenna. The guests include Chris Rea and Maggie Philbin (s) (2753)
9.00 Soldier, Soldier. Drama series about British army life. This week Lt Col Nick Hammond's devotion to the army is tested when he meets the beautiful daughter of a local dignitary (Teletext) (s) (9395)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (30550) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (469173)

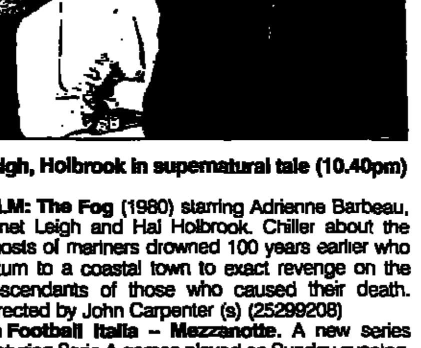


Exmoor man Johnny Kingdom (10.40pm)

10.40 CHOICE **First Tuesday: Johnny Kingdom and the Secret of Happiness.** (Teletext) (s) (754598)
11.40 Off the Streets. As 6.50pm (405395)
11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (756376)
12.35am The Little Picture Show. Film and video reviews (3261338)
1.35 Stephen King's World of Horror. A guide to horror movies (3698319)
2.25 FILM: The Crossing (1988) starring Pierre Arditi and Mathilda May. French drama about a single parent and her shy bachelor neighbour who are thrown together by accident. Directed by Jean-Claude Sussfeld (604203)
4.00 The Beat (r) (s) (57048)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (43425)
5.30 ITN Morning News (49048). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors. Animated adventures (1608550) **6.50 The Wombles.** More tales of the Wimbledon Common environmentalists (2323821)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (78869)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (57227)
9.30 Schools: Eureka! (1144550) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (5884753) **10.02** Videoteca **10.23** Place and People: Egypt (6768043) **10.44** Good Health (4967869) **11.00** Science in Focus **11.22** Stage One **11.40** How We Used to Live (5965734)
12.00 House to House. Political magazine presented by Maya Even (37463)
12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining pre-school learning series (63227)
1.30 Alfred J. Kwak. Animated adventures of a musical duck (85598)
2.00 Film: Hey Hey USA (1938, b/w) starring Will Hay. Vintage comedy about a former schoolmaster, now working on a cruise ship, who becomes involved with two rival Chicago gangs both trying to kidnap the obnoxious son of a millionaire. With Edgar *Kennedy and David Burns. Directed by Marcel* Varnel (430550)
3.40 The Three Stooges in *They Stooge to Conga* (2172173)
3.55 CHOICE **Crawshaw's Watercolour Studio** (3857869)
4.30 Fifteen To One. Fast-moving knock out general *knowledge quiz. (Teletext) (s) (76)*
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are divorced parents and their priggish children who are scandalised by their new single lifestyles. (Teletext) (s) (3782482)
5.50 Laurel and Hardy. Animated version (216821)
6.00 Mork and Mindy. American comedy series starring Pam Dawber and Robin Williams (r) (69)
6.30 Roseanne. Wisecracking comedy series (r). (Teletext) (s) (21)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (951666)
7.50 Comment. Dugal Nisbet-Smith argues against plans to impose Vat on newspapers (562192)
8.00 CHOICE **Blow Your Mind.** (Teletext) (s) (1260)
8.30 Check Out 93. Carole Peters reports on evidence of government inaction over the spread of Creuzfeldt Jacobs disease, a fatal brain condition (s) (3145)
9.00 Without Walls Special: Theremin – An Electronic Odyssey. A documentary look at the chequered life and career of Professor Leon Theremin, a Russian electronics expert. (Teletext) (s) (9260)
10.30 Blow Your Mind: Ulysses. Molly Bloom's monologue from James Joyce's classic, performed by Frances Barber (Teletext) (s) (490043)



Leigh, Holbrook in supernatural tale (10.40pm)

10.40 FILM: The Fog (1980) starring Adrienne Barbeau, Janet Leigh and Hal Holbrook. Chiller about the ghosts of mariners drowned 100 years earlier who return to a coastal town to exact revenge on the descendants of those who caused their death. Directed by John Carpenter (s) (25299208)
12.15am Football Italia – Mezzanotte. A new series featuring Serie A games played on Sunday evening, beginning with Inter v Parma (74844154). Ends **1.15**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **7.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Evening Session **9.00** Musicmusicmusic: Jonathan King discusses the music industry (3/10) **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Terry Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Neil Kinnock **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Junkin's Jokers: Jimmy Tarbuck **7.30** Hayes Over Britain **9.00** The Bodleian Library: Sarah Kennedy explores the Oxford haven for scholars **10.00** Living Blues: Tony Russell concludes his exploration of blues music **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** *Morning* Edition **9.00** Schools. Infant Science See for Yourself; **9.10** Radio Numbertime; **9.20** First Steps In Drama; **9.35** Wordplay, **9.45** Singing Together; **10.05** Time to Move **10.25** Johnnie Walker with the AM Alternative **12.30pm** Kitchen Cabinet **1.00** News Update **1.10** The Crunch with *Liz Kershaw* **2.30** *Rugby* Union The All Blacks v the North from Anfield **4.05** John Inverdale's Drive-In **6.30** Planet Park, by Chris Allen **7.15** Professor Branestawm Again (2/4) **7.30** Football Plus **10.10** Earshot **12.00-12.10am** News, Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin. Tips für Touristen **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** News **6.10** British News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** New Ideas **7.50** Perfectly Proportioned **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Concert Hall **9.00** News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Live from the Archive **9.30** On Screen **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News **10.01** Discovery **10.30** Tchaikovsky **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** World News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Multitrack 1 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf *McSorley's Wonderful Saloon* **2.45** American Pioneers **3.00** News **3.15** A Jolly Good Show **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** Business Report **5.15** BBC *English* **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Nachrichten **7.30** Kaleidoskop **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.10** British News **10.15** Megamix **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** Concert Hall **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** *Omnibus* **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Changing Reputations **1.45** Country Style **2.00** News **2.30** Development '93 **3.00** News **3.10** British News **3.15** Sport **3.30** Discovery **4.00** News **4.15** Waveguide **4.25** Book Choice

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Haydn (Harpsichord Concerto in D. Trevor Pinnock, English Consort) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **5.00** Classic Reports **7.00** *The* Classic Opera Guide **8.00** Evening Concert Beethoven (Romances in G, Op 40; in F, Op 50; New Philharmonica Orchestra); Schumann (Three Romances, Op 28, Wilhelm Kempff, piano), Bruckner (Symphony No 4 in E flat, Romantic: Frankfurt RSO) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** *Nick Abbot* **2.00am** Wendy Lloyd

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (42816482) **2.20-2.50** The Village Show (59445647) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News (4154314) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2782482) **6.00** Home And Away (506956) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (297685) **7.30-8.00** Help (63) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News (469173) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (139550) **12.35am-2.20** Film: They Live (314116) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (9462574) **3.20** The ITV Chart Show (8166777) **4.10** Nite Bites (77194135) **4.30** Riviera (39819845) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.55 Shortland Street (42816482) **2.20** Travel Trails (59445647) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (7991208) **3.25-3.30** Central News (4154314) **5.10-5.40** Gardening Time (2782482) **6.00** Home And Away (506956) **6.25-7.00** Central News (297685) **7.30-8.00** Heart Of The Country (63) **10.30-10.40** Central News (469173) **11.40** Married With Children (617918) **12.10am** Love And War (3880241) **12.40** Kojak (4048951) **1.35** Take 15 (2022574) **1.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9968390) **2.20** The Big E (1739154) **3.10** The Beat (3204048) **4.15-5.20** Jobfinder (7360425)

GRANADA

As London except: 2.20 Celebration: A Day In The Life Of (59445647) **2.50-3.20** Sons And Daughters (7991208) **3.25-3.30** Granada News (4154314) **5.10-5.40** The New Adventures Of Black Beauty (2782482) **6.00** Home And Away (27) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (79) **7.30-8.00** Yesterday's Heroes (63) **10.30-10.40** Granada News (469173) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (139550) **12.35am-2.20** Film: They Live (314116) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (9462574) **3.20** The ITV Chart Show (8166777) **4.10** Nite Bites (77194135) **4.30** Riviera (39819845) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (8406334)

HTV WEST

As London except: 2.20-2.50 Travel Trails (59445647) **3.25-3.30** HTV News (4154314) **6.00** HTV News (27) **6.30-7.00** Problems (79) **7.30-8.00** Country Watch (63) **10.30-10.40** HTV News & Weather (469173) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (139550) **12.35am-2.20** Film: They Live (Roddy Piper, Keith David, Meg Foster) (314116) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (9462574) **3.20** The ITV Chart Show (8166777) **4.10** Nite Bites (77194135) **4.30** Riviera (39819845) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (8406334)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.00 Wales At Six (27) **6.30-7.00** The Munsters Today (79) **7.30-8.00** Home Ground (63) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News & Weather (469173)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 2.20 Yan Can Cook (59445647) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (7991208) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (27) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (79) **7.30-8.00** Loud And Clear (63) **11.40-12.35pm** The Equalizer (139550) **1.35am-2.25** Stephen King's World Of Horror (3698319)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 2.20-2.50 Travel Trails (59445647) **3.25-3.30** Tyne Tees News (4154314) *5.55 Tyne Tees Today (934579)* **6.30-7.00** Talkabout (79) **7.30-8.00** Action Time (63) **10.30-10.40** Tyne Tees News (469173) **11.40** Film: The Lonely Profession (100579) **1.25am** The Little Picture Show (6938512) **2.25** Sledge Hammer (6166116) **2.55** 60 Minutes (4095406) **3.50** Stage Two (9013406) **4.50-5.30** Jobfinder (6009195)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 1.55 The Young Doctors (42816482) **2.20** Travel Trails (59445647) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (7991208) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (63376) **7.30-8.00** Robinson Country (63) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (757005) **12.30am** My Story (2056203) **12.35-2.20** Film: They Live (314116) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (9462574) **3.20** The ITV Chart Show (8166777) **4.10** Nite Bites (77194135) **4.30** Riviera (39819845) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (8406334)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 2.20-2.50 Travel Trails (59445647) **5.55** Calendar (934579) **6.30-7.00** Talkabout (79) **7.30-8.00** Action Time (63) **11.40** Film: The Lonely Profession (100579) **1.25am** The Little Picture Show (6938512) **2.25** Sledge Hammer (6166116) **2.55** 60 Minutes (4095406) **3.50** Stage Two (9013406) **4.50-5.30** Jobfinder (6009195)

S4C

Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (78869) *9.00 You Bet Your Life (57227) 9.30 Schools* (475145) **12.00** House To House (37463) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (86227) **1.00** The Wonder Years (71956) **1.30** Plant Life (85598) **2.00** The Late Late Show (42956) **3.00** Oprah Winfrey Show (6225579) **3.50** Laurel And Hardy (7562840) **4.00** Slot 23 (9647) **5.00** Happy Days (2376) **5.30** Fifteen To One (58) **6.00** Newyddion (690869) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (866937) *6.25 Hano (295227)* **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (5840) **7.30** Draw Draw Ymhell, I Wlad Oedd Well? (55) **8.00** Y Farch Drws Nesa (1260) **8.30** Newyddion (3145) **9.00** Cutting Edge (7937) **10.00** The Golden Palace (38192) **10.30** Dim Tafod (50734) **11.30** The Almost Complete History Of The Twentieth Century (526685) **11.45** Terry And Julian (288289) **12.15am** Desmond's (90390) **12.45** Blow Your Mind (6411680)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (50252840) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (4313579) **9.00** Concentration (93043)...

Cancons (84531) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (91173) **10.00** Card Sharks (67289) **10.30** Concentration (93043) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (86802) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (84395) **12.30pm** Paradise Beach (21519) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (90444) **2.00** An Evening in Byzantium (68918) **3.00** Another World (8128227) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (8028598) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (5963) *6.00 Games World (9753)* **6.30** Paradise Beach (1395) **7.00** Rescue (1802) **7.30** Growing Pains (7579) **8.00** Anything But Love (5550) **8.30** Designing Women (9685) **9.00** Civil Wars (46647) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (as 5pm) (49734) **11.00** The Untouchables (90145) **12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (72951) **1.00am** Night Court (54626) **1.30-2.00** Maniac Mansion (68319)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise Europe (77227) **9.30** Nightline (22043) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (91695) **11.30** Japan Business Today (23208) **12.30pm** News/Business Report (93531) **1.30** CBS News (92802) **2.30** Parliament Live (7956) **4.30** News/Business Report (7192) **5.00** Live at Five (9208) **7.30** Target (8821) **9.30** Talkback (13395) **11.30** CBS News (87043) **12.30am** ABC World News (41932) **1.30** Target (59681) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (20135) **3.30** Talkback (44715) **4.30** Target (33135) **4.30** Special Report (33135) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (70932)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (6530444)
10.00 Born to Ride (1991): A rebellious young man joins the US Army (21555)
12.00 Big Man on Campus (1990): A shy student becomes the coolest guy in college, but finds there are drawbacks (65821)
2.00pm Continental Divide *(1981): Cynical* newsman John Belushi and fresh-faced naturalist Blair Brown fall in love (63314)
4.00 Finders Keepers (1966) Cliff Richard and his chums find a bomb in Spain (5005)
6.00 Born to Ride (see 10am) (43550)
8.00 Mutronics: The Movie (1991). An FBI agent hunts for the remote controls to assorted demonic beasties (40173)
9.30 Special Feature: Stephen King: Profile of the master of horror (21591)
10.00 The Hitman (1991): Chuck Norris goes on the rampage (982840)
11.35 The Best of Martial Arts (1989): A collection of fight scenes (441482)
1.05am Deadly Surveillance (1991): Cops enter a criminal underworld (7809970)
2.35 Double Edge (1992): An FBI agent tries to bring an *international assassin to* justice before she kills again (4374203)
4.05 Armed Response (1986): A former cop and his soldier son search for a valuable icon (5890970). Ends at **5.30**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm It Started with Eve (1941, b/w): Robert Cummings persuades Deanna Durbin to pose as his wife (34840)
8.00 The King of Comedy (1982): Underrated Martin Scorsese black comedy with Jerry Lewis and Robert De Niro (46685)
10.00 Klute (1971) Donald Sutherland enlists the help of Jane Fonda to track down a missing scientist (63051) Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am My Son John (1952, b/w): McCarthyist tale of a couple who discover their son is a communist (24870192)
8.10 Alice in Wonderland (1988): Animated version of the children's classic (1944666)
9.05 Black Beauty (1987): Equine high-jinks (2368802)
10.00 She (1965): The ruler of a lost city (Ursula Andress) mistakes a passing explorer for her long-dead lover (21537)
12.00 I Never Sang for My Father (1970): Gene Hackman looks after his dad (63463)
2.00pm Down Three Dark Streets (1954): An FBI agent cleans up the streets (61956)
4.00 Alice in Wonderland (as 8.10am) (31227)
5.00 Black Beauty (as 9.05am) (6111)
6.00 Crazy from the Heart (1991): A school principal falls for the caretaker (41192)
8.00 Keeping Secrets: Suzanne Somers In Her Own Story (1991): *Three's Company* poppet Somers in alcoholism biopic (53937)
10.00 Mortal Thoughts (1991) Murder among the curling tongs in thriller set in a beauty salon. With Demi Moore and Bruce Willis (556424)
11.45 Run (1990): A young law student is pursued by rascally crime lords (635840)
1.20am Fires Within (1991): A Cuban woman finds her new life in America jeopardised by her husband (7803796)
2.50 Miami Blues (1990): Alec Baldwin embarks on a crime spree (247067). Ends at **4.30**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (5494444) **7.15** Prime Bodies (122024) **7.45** World Sports Special (121395) **8.15** Soccer News (3325685) **8.30** Windsurfing (30173) **9.00** Football (17208) **11.00** Paris Open Tennis (2596208) **5.00pm** Music Video Sports (3666) **5.30** Goal (2802) **6.00** Soccer News (491685) **6.15** Netbusters (489840) **6.30** NFL Classic Superbowls (14531) **7.30** Field Hockey (88598) **8.30** The Footballers' Football Show on the Road (64024) **10.00** Soccer News (359314) *10.15* The Boss (467734) **10.45** French Football (136647) **11.45** Ten Pin Bowling (462289) *12.15-2.15am Paris Open Tennis (633947)*

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (35192) **8.00** Eurogolf (10963) **9.00** Figure Skating (68096) **11.00** Alpine Skiing (44840) **12.00** Eurogoals (99314) **1.00pm** Beijing Marathon (75734) **2.00** Car Racing (81734) **4.00** American Football (84531) **5.30** Eurogoals (40444) **6.30** News (8463) **7.00** Eurotennis (36821) **8.00** Boxing (82463) **10.00** Snooker (55821) **12.00-12.30am** News (48357)

UK GOLD

7.00am GP (4547647) **7.30** Neighbours (4559482) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7717024) **8.30** EastEnders (7718395) **9.00** The Bill (7707647) **9.30** When the Boat Comes In (2725579) **10.30** Colditz (5147531) **11.30** Rhoda (9509550) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7710111) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1998208) **1.00** EastEnders (4546918) **1.30** The Bill (1997579) **2.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (8871647) **2.30** Brush Strokes (7375004) **3.00** Dallas (9510666) **4.00** Dynasty (9599173) **5.00** Blankety Blank (8695227) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (6225460) **6.00** Neighbours (9475963) **6.30** EastEnders (1475163) **7.00** When the Boat Comes In (9043802) **8.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (8684111) **8.30** Brush Strokes (8670918) **9.00** Colditz (9072314) **10.00** The Bill (7711840) **10.30** Carrott Confidential (7797260) **11.00** Top of the Pops (8506109) **11.45** Dr Who: The Dead Planet (5374227) **12.15am** FILM: The Very Edge (1962). A pregnant woman, Anne Heywood, is assaulted (4386241) **1.45** Video Bites (9303661) **2.15-2.20** Shopping at Night (71957951)

CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Jack in the Box (59869) **7.00** RatKan II (24685) **9.00** T-Rex (392314) **11.30** Say *Ahhh! (14598) 12.00 Fame (13918) 1.00pm* Captain N the Games Master (97840531) **3.25** RatKan II (3986937) **3.30** Ovide and the Gang (3173) **4.00** Sandokhan (2208) **4.30-5.00** Beekman's World (1192)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Dawn Patrol (29531) **7.30** Guts *(48666) 8.00 Kid's Court (39444) 8.30 Wild* Side Show (61043) **9.00** Rabbit Ears' We All Have Tales (52395) **9.30** Fraggle Rock (89937) **10.00** Janosch's Dream (96173) **10.30** The World of David the Gnome (58579) **11.00** Sharon, Lois and Bram's Elephant Show (64579) **11.30** Eureeka's Castle (13463) **12.30pm** We All Have Tales (83753) **1.00** The World of David the Gnome (28802) **1.30** Wisdom of the Gnomes (82024) **2.00** Janosch's Dream (2276) **2.30** Nick Jr Story Time (9956) **3.00** Kablooey (9463) **3.30** Out of Control (1173) **4.00** Fraggle Rock (6666) **4.30** Hey Dude (9192) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (1208) **5.30** Welcome Freshmen (6424) **6.00** Guts (1735) **6.30-7.00** Get the Picture (1937)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Global Family (4625666) **4.30** Waterways (2720050) **5.00** Blood, Sweat and Glory (8672376) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (5120208) **6.50** Sports of the World (6665111) **7.00** Encyclopedia Galactica *(8673005) 7.30 Arthur C. Clarke's World of* Strange Powers (7875109) **8.00** Spies (8682753) **8.30** Wars in Peace (8561260) **9.00** Wings Over the World (9070956) **10.00** Endangered World (9073043) **11.00-12.00** Testament (4554937)

BRAVO

12.00 *Mary* Hartman, Mary Hartman (7712579) **12.30pm** FILM: The Week and the Wicked (1954, b/w): Jail drama (3840376) **2.00** FILM: High Society (1956): Musical with Bing Crosby and Grace Kelly (2031869) **3.45** Art Linkletter and the Kids (75162821) **4.00** The Flying Nun (4520032) **4.30** My Three Sons (8120096) **5.00** The Beverly Hillbillies (8680395) **5.30** The Donny and Marie Show (3319996) **6.00** The Invisible Man (3370799) **6.30** Torchy, The Battery Boy (3170591) **7.00** The Partridge Family (9078598) **8.00** FILM The Blue Parrot (1953, b/w): Gripping detective yarn (51075734) **9.15** FILM Footsteps (1974): Horror story (8695598) **10.00** FILM: Doomwatch (1972) Pollution turns an island's population into mutants (5476937) **11.30-12.00** The Twilight Zone (6405376)

UK LIVING

7.00am Jayne and Friends (1442753) **8.00** Fame, Fortune and Romance (2717289) **8.30** Living Daylights (2709260) **9.00** Divorce Court (2723840) **9.30** Hot Topics (4963227) **10.00** Your Baby and Child (2423918) **10.30** Living Extra (2729024) **11.00** Family Affairs (8968376) **11.30** Floyd on Fish (8969005) **12.00** Practical Living (41693395) **12.15pm** Kilroy (4888440) **1.00** Crosswits (2821956) **1.30** Infatuation (4966314) **2.00** Days of Our Lives (2424647) **3.00** Agony Hour (8963821) **4.00** Crosswits (5337579) **4.30** Infatuation (5326463) **5.00** Jayne and Friends (8997192) **6.00** Fighting Back (5347358) **6.30** Italian Regional Cookery (5338208) **7.00** Agony Hour (2880395) **8.00** The Young *and the Restless* (2899043) **9.00** FILM: American Taboo (1988) (80337531) **10.40** Delia Smith's One is Fun (4667111) **11.00** Divorce Court (8983685) **11.30** You're on the Air with Dr Ruth (2412802) **12.00-1.00am** Days of Our Lives (1499661)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm The Wonder Years (3208) **5.30** Danger Bay (2444) **6.00** Big Brother Jake (2685) **6.30** Catchphrase (3937) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (3444) **7.30** All Clued Up (2821) **8.00** Remington Steele (48043) **9.00** Neon Rider (35579) **10.00** WKRP in Cincinnati (84918) **10.30** The Bob Newhart Show (93666) **11.00** Newhart (98550) **11.30** The Mary Tyler Moore Show (93227) **12.00-1.00am** *Lou* Grant (54593)

MTV

5.00am INXS Day (47086) **6.00** Awake on the Wild Side (888821) **9.00** Marijne Van Der Vlugt (525840) **12.00** Greatest Hits (15376) **1.00pm** On Tour (770043) **3.30** The Report (1279956) **3.45** At the Movies (1267111) **4.00** News (1792550) **4.15** 3 from 1 (1782173) **4.30** Dial MTV (3550) **5.00** The Soul of MTV (5666) **6.30** Music Non-Stop (24802) **7.00** Sports (5802) **7.30** Most Wanted (27192) **9.00** Greatest Hits (37937) **10.00** The Report (418208) **10.15** At the Movies (404463) **10.30** News (212227) **10.45** 3 from 1 (200482) **11.00** Hit List UK (54024) **1.00am** Marijne Van Der Vlugt (15338) **2.00-6.00** Night Videos (4707932)

TV ASIA

6.00am Asian Morning (83314) **8.30** Punjabi News (7553024) **8.45** Gujarati News (5403173) **7.00** Bengali News (32227) **7.30** Hindi News (55014) **8.00** Urdu News (22276) **8.30** English News (14579) **9.30** Pat Jhar (84821) **10.30** Lifestyle (46937) **11.30** Telly Talk (53604) **12.00** Hindi, Urdu and English News Bulletins (72753) **12.30pm** Sauda (21937) **1.00** Gujarati Film (428463) **4.00** Kiddie Time (81647) **5.00** Dedicated to You (9869) **6.00** Close **7.00** Showtime (99753) **8.00** English News (896821) **8.15** Ajanabee (787579) **9.00** Hindi FILM: Suraksha (982463) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight *(6766680) 1.00am Basera (9324357)* **4.00** Parao (37222) **5.00** Taalash (21241) **5.30-6.00** Music (12932)

TNT

7.30pm The Angry Hills (1959, b/w): Nazis pursue reporter Robert Mitchum (89922024)
9.00 Battle Circus (1953, b/w): Humphrey Bogart and June Allyson canoodle in a MASH unit (71303043)
10.45 Prisoner of War (1954, b/w). Ronald Reagan cast against type as an intelligence officer (34482192)
12.20am Assignment in Brittany (1943, b/w). French resistance leaders plot to replace a Nazi leader (95228222)
2.10 The Devil Makes Three (1952, b/w): Gene Kelly exchanges his dancing shoes for jackboots (24231357). Ends at **5.00**

CNN

Twenty-four hour news

CMT

Country music from midnight to 4pm

QVC

Home shopping channel

RADIO 3

6.55am News
7.00 On Air: *Plainsong, Rorate* Coeli; Bach, arr Hogwood (Concerto for Three Violins in D, BWV 1064); Mozart (Concerto for Two Pianos in E flat, K365); Berlioz (Overture, Roman Carnival); Scarlatti (Sonata in F minor, Kk481); *Kodály (Suite, Hary Janos)*
9.00 Composer of the Week: Tchaikovsky 1870-1876. Three Pieces, Op 19 Nos 2, 4 and 5; Sérénade mélancolique, Op 26; Evening; The Fearful Minute; String Quartet No 1 in D, Op 11
10.00 Musical Encounters: Bach, arr Stokowski (Komm, süsser Tod); Handel (Harp Concerto in B flat, Op 4 No 6); Delius (A Walk to the Paradise Garden); Ravel (Shéhérazade); **10.40** Artist of the Week: James Dower plays Reinecke (Flute Sonata, Undine); Innocenzo Fede (Bell'onde tranquille; Violin Sonata); Janáček, arr Burghauser (On an Overgrown Path); Falla (Dances, The Three-Cornered Hat)
12.00 Music Restor'd (r)
1.00pm News 1.05 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Scottish SO under Alexander Gibson, with Tabea Zimmermann, viola, performs Sibelius (Karelia Overture); Judith Weir (Music Untangled); Walton (Viola Concerto); Sibelius (Symphony No 5 in E flat)
2.25 *The Fine Song:* See Choice
3.10 Boxgrove Festival 1993: I Flamminghi under Rudolf Werthen performs Handel (Concerto Grosso in B flat, Op 6 No 7); Boccherini (Cello Concerto in D); Grieg (Holberg Suite); Purcell (Overture, The Indian Queen; Suite, Bonduca); Bruch (Kol Nidrei): Shostakovich, orch Barshai (String Quartet No 8)
5.00 In Tune: Including Mozart (Divertimento in F); Handel (Organ Concerto in F, The *Cuckoo and the Nightingale*); Dvořák (Symphony No 7 in D minor); Josquin (Gaude Virgo, Mater Christi)
7.30 Pebble Mill 1993/94: Nancy Gustafson, soprano, Roger Vignoles, piano Mozart (Vado, ma dove?; Chi sa, chi sa?); Verdi (*Perduta ho la pace*; In solitaria stanza; Stornello, Ad una stella); Tchaikovsky (At the ball; Serenade; Why?; If I had *Known; Does the day reign?*); **8.10** Poulenc in His Own Words (1915-1935); **8.30** Poulenc (Fiançailles pour rire); Nicholas Maw (Five American Songs)
9.15 Translations from the Natural World: Les Murray reads a selection of poems
9.25 Langham Chamber Orchestra under Richard Pittman performs David Diamond (Rounds); Françaix (L'horloge de Flores) (r)
10.05 Between the Ears: The Revelation. Mark Russell presents the fifth in a series of pieces for radio. Dramatised and produced by James Whitbourn, in conjunction with Peter Howell of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop. With Dame Judi Dench, Derek Jacobi and Philip Sully
10.45 Night Waves: Humphrey *Carpenter looks at the* portrayal of presidents in fact and fiction
11.30 Ulster Orchestra under Adrian Leaper performs Crotch (Overture in G); Handel (Organ Concerto in B flat, Op 7 No 3: Peter Sweeney); Haydn (Symphony No 95 *in C minor*); Cherubini (Overture in G)
12.30-12.35am News 1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** *News Briefing, incl* **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, *incl* **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sport News **7.45** Thought for the Day with Elaine Storkey **7.55** Weather **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580 4444. Lines open from 8am
10.00-10.30 Power Circuit (FM only): Durham. Ian Fells concludes his tour of the north east
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Isaiah. David Neal reads the sixth of 16 parts (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour explores the character of the English spinster. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 All in the Mind: Professor Anthony Clare investigates cognitive therapy
12.00 News; You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm It's Your Round: Peter White chairs the first semi-final *in Liverpool* between the Empress and the Old Bull in Burnage **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre: The Man in the Brown Coat. See Choice
2.30 Victoria de los Angeles: The Life and Soul. In the third of four conversations, the soprano talks to Natalie Wheen about her love of giving recitals and the connection between her emotional life and *her singing. Including music* by Mendelssohn and Schubert
3.00 News; Prime Minister's Questions (LW only)
3.00 Taking the Plunge (FM only): Something Just for Me. At the age of 45, Ken Patullo decided to change careers and *become a nurse*
3.30 Ad Lib (FM only): Robert Robinson engages in verbal jousts in the world of boxing (r)
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope talks to Gerald Seymour about his new novel, *The Fighting Years*; and reports on the regeneration of the Irish film industry
4.45 Short Story: Nickin' Julius Caesar, by Francis McNeil. Read by Jane Hazlegrove
5.00 PM *5.50* Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Crampton Hodnet: Second of a six-part adaptation of Barbara Pym's novel. With Elizabeth Spriggs, Stephen Moore, Samantha Bond and Crawford Logan (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4: Jenny Cuffe reports
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 Clubbing It: A weekend at the Stormont Main Working Men's Club in Gateshead
8.45 In Touch: Peter White presents a live phone-in. Ring Julian Oxley, director general of Guide Dogs for the Blind, on 071-580 4444, 7.20-9.15pm
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha. Roddy Doyle's Booker Prize-winning novel. Read by Mark Lambert
11.00 Mediumwave: Joanna Coles explores the week's events in the media (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

The Fine Song. *Radio 3, 2.25pm.*
Of the ten recordings that the tenor Robert Tear presents in the first of six programmes of English song from the 16th century to the 20th, three are of his own voice. Two of them have rarely been better sung: Vaughan Williams's "The Roadside Fire", to words by R.L. Stevenson, and "At the Railway Station, Upway", to words by Thomas Hardy. I wish he had chosen Peter Pears's recording of Britten's "The Plough Boy" instead of his own, if only because Britten's piano accompaniment is a sheer delight while Philip Leger's is over-emphatic.

The Man in the Brown Coat. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*
Alasdair Campbell's play leaves everything up in the air – which is exactly where a mystifying play such as this *should* leave them. We cannot even be sure if it is a ghost story or not. The ingredients are a remote Scottish island (which puts us in the right mood straight away), a put-upon husband (Peter Kelly), his suddenly absent wife (Geraldine Fitzgerald) and the eponymous brown-suited man (Roy Hanlon), shaped like a question-mark. **Peter Davalle**

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Jackson and Gunnell win race for awards



Gunnell: popular

FROM DAVID MILLER IN MONTE CARLO

THERE was unprecedented international recognition of achievement by British athletes here yesterday, with the nomination of Colin Jackson and Sally Gunnell as athletes of the year at the annual International Athletic Foundation gala. Linford Christie was third in the men's awards, in the ballot among 1,500 voters from all member countries — over 200 — of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), the event organisers, media and sponsors.

World records on consecutive days at the world championships at Stuttgart, Jackson's high hurdles of 12.91sec and Gunnell's 400 hurdles of 52.74sec, gave them the edge over Noureddine Morceli, of Algeria, and Wang Junxia, of China, by, respectively 57.5 and 14 place votes. Scepticism about Chinese women's extraordinary recent performances must have swayed the narrowest of decisions in favour of the popular Gunnell.

The two British winners of an award inaugurated in 1988 — after the creation of the Foundation charity in the wake of the Seoul Olympic Games — were elected in succession to Lewis, Kingdom, Backley, Lewis and Young and, among women, Griffith-Joyner, Quirot, Ottey, Krabbe, now disgraced, and Henkel.

Jackson, Christie, the 100 metres Olympic and world champion, and Gunnell are assessing whether they can commit themselves next summer to the Commonwealth Games in Victoria, British Colombia in the middle of what has become an impossibly overcrowded calendar. Within 12 weeks, they will be confronted by the demands of the Europa Cup (June 25-26, Birmingham), the Goodwill Games (July 24-30, St Petersburg), the European championships (Aug 7-14, Helsinki), the Commonwealth Games (August 22-28) and the World Cup (September 8-10, London).

Additionally, and threatening to strip the Commonwealth Games of many of its leading track and field competitors, there are the Mobil grand prix events of Zurich, Brussels, Cologne, Berlin and the final in Paris between August 17 and September 3. There are also the African Games (August 4-7, Senegal or Morocco) and the Asian Games (October 2-16, Hiroshima).

Competitors are torn between national loyalty — some of them — and those events where they can earn substantial prize-money, which does not include the Commonwealth Games.

"This is one of the highest awards I'll ever win," a delighted Gunnell said yesterday after receiving her award from Prince Albert and Primo Nebiolo, "but it's a tricky little year coming up. The whole aim must be for the European championships, but temperamentally I'd like to be in Victoria as well. I have to sit down and discuss it with my coach in the next week or so.

"Of course I want to be part of the Commonwealth Games, but I have to look at it practically. You need to acclimatise, and I'm terrible at that, so maybe I'd go for the 100 hurdles or the 400 flat. I would need to be in reasonable shape for the 400 hurdles because there are some strong rivals."

Gunnell has twice been Commonwealth champion, in the high hurdles at Edinburgh and the 400 hurdles in Auckland. Part of her conflict is that the lucrative Zurich grand prix meeting is one of her favourite events.

David Dixon, the honorary secretary of the Commonwealth Games Federation, said yesterday: "It's a very unhelpful situation indeed, although we've had some assurance that certain leading athletes, such as Christie, will be there in Canada. Fortunately we've just managed to persuade Fina, the international swimming federation, not to bring forward their world championships a week which would have clashed with Victoria."

The tighter the squeeze on the capacity of competitors, the more vulnerable will the Commonwealth Games become. Their salvation may well lie in the introduction of team games, especially cricket, for the 1998 event scheduled for Kuala Lumpar.

Nebiolo gave reassurance yesterday that the IAAF will continue to resist the introduction of prize-money for the world championships at Gothenburg in 1995, but suggested that this radical introduction might take effect by the time of the 1997 championships for which the host candidate city, to be decided next month, is likely to be Mexico City or Johannesburg.

Nebiolo said yesterday: "I don't believe we can face prize-money in 1995, so close to the Olympic Games in Atlanta the following year. We don't want to put the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in difficulty from a similar demand for prize-money. We will support entirely the Games in Atlanta, but the problem is not easy.

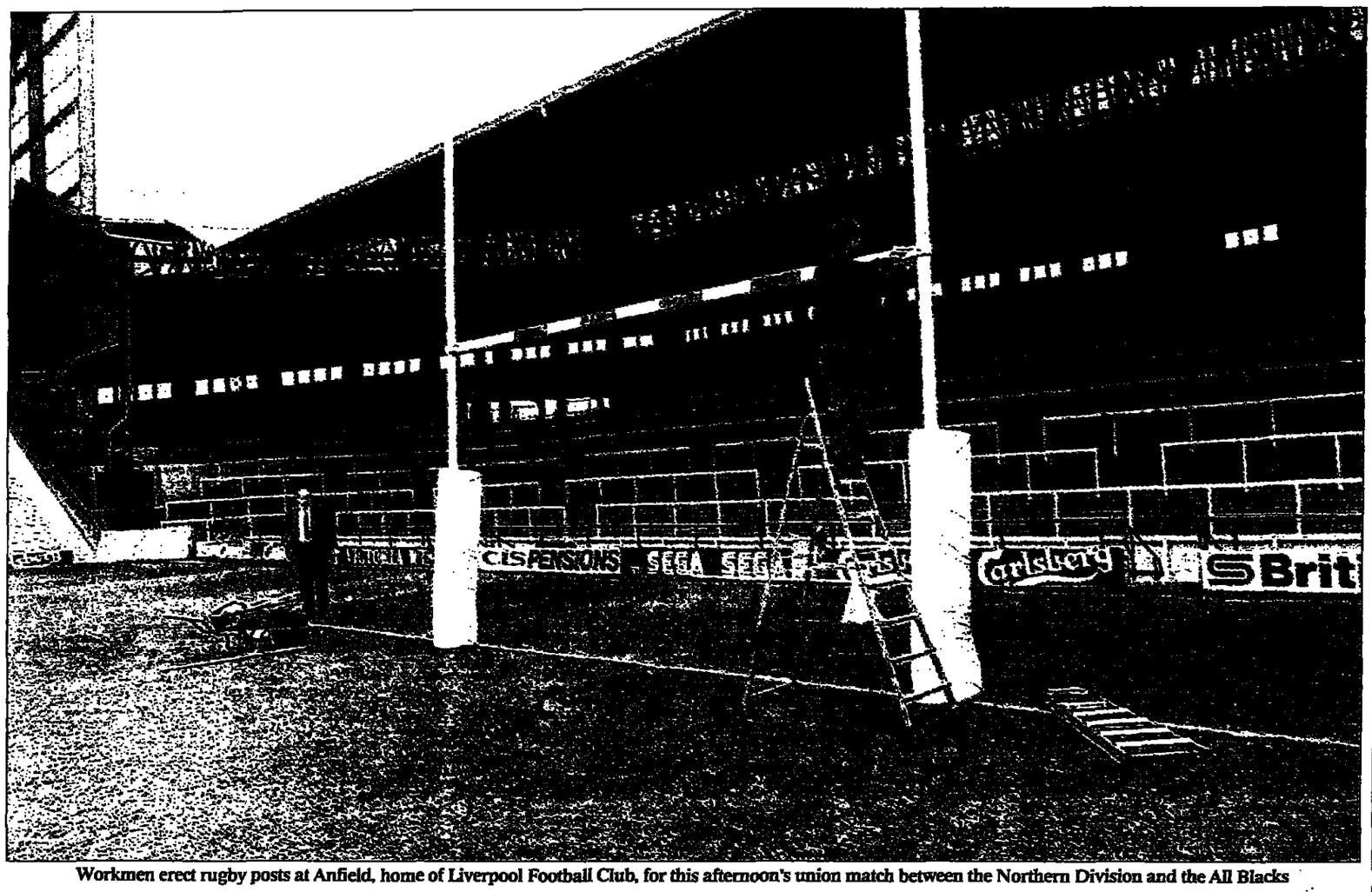
"If we are able, we will find sponsors to provide prizes for all three medal places for our championships in Gothenburg. We will only introduce prize-money with the agreement of the IOC, and will do nothing negative for the Olympic image."

The gala last night was unimpaired by the non-appearance of Michael Johnson, Mike Powell and Mike Conley, prominent athletes whose manager/agent, Brad Hunt, had attempted to invoke a boycott of the gala among professionals because of the prize-money controversy with the IAAF.

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HOW THE VOTES WERE CAST

	MEN		WOMEN	
1	Colin Jackson (GB)	2295.5	Sally Gunnell (GB)	2274.0
2	Noureddine Morceli (Alg)	2238.0	Wang Junxia (China)	2256.0
3	Linford Christie (GB)	2176.0	Gail Devers (US)	2208.0
4	Javier Sotomayor (Cuba)	1799.5	Merlene Ottey (Jam)	2064.0
5	Sergey Bubka (Ukr)	1674.0	Maria Mutola (Moz)	1519.0
6	Michael Johnson (US)	1511.0	Qu Yunxia (China)	1435.0
7	Jan Zelezny (Czech Rep)	1494.0	Heike Drechsler (Ger)	1051.0
8	Yobes Ondieki (Ken)	1175.0	Jackie Joyner-Kersee (US)	769.0
9	Frankie Fredericks (Nam)	648.0	Sandra Farmer-Patrick (US)	699.0
10	Dan O'Brien (US)	601.0	Sonia O'Sullivan (Ire)	538.0



Workmen erect rugby posts at Anfield, home of Liverpool Football Club, for this afternoon's union match between the Northern Division and the All Blacks

All Blacks not to discipline player

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE Rugby Football Union (RFU) criticised yesterday the "dangerous play" of New Zealand forwards which led to the unpleasant eye injury sustained by Philip de Glanville, the Bath and England centre, at Redruth on Saturday.

De Glanville, 25, was savagely raked out of a ruck during the match between the All Blacks and the South and South-West Division; he required 15 stitches around his left eye and is fortunate that he is likely to suffer no impairment to his vision.

Last night the New Zealanders refused to discipline the player involved and said only that the squad had been reminded of its responsibilities. The video recording shows the incident in detail: "I am quite certain it was not an accident," de Glanville said. "A boot stepped straight down on my face and I know who did it but will wait for him to be officially named. New Zealand should not be allowed to get away with rucking like that."

Two New Zealand players needed stitches in head wounds and they have recalled the incident during the British Isles tour last summer, when Frank Bunce needed stitches after being raked on the head by Dean Richards during the game against North Harbour.

The RFU said it regretted the unfortunate incident which it considered to be "the result of dangerous play and far beyond the bounds of acceptable conduct. A protest in the strongest possible terms has been registered with the New Zealand management."

The tour agreement prohibits the use of the recently-introduced citing procedure after 12 hours have elapsed. Sean Fitzpatrick, the tour captain, expressed his regret immediately after the match to Ian Beer, the RFU president, and yesterday the tour management took similar action to that of the Lions after the North Harbour game and what their 1989 management did in Australia after David Young, the prop, was involved in a stamping incident.

"After viewing the passage of play several times on video it is clear to us that the injury was an unfortunate accident," a New Zealand statement read. "The All Blacks have come here to play attractive and fair rugby and all the players have again been reminded of their responsibilities."

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Norwich alerted by Bayern's four-goal show

BY KEITH PIKE

SUPPORTERS of Norwich City, preparing to celebrate the greatest achievement in the football club's history, have been offered a timely reminder that the job against Bayern Munich is far from complete.

Norwich hold a 2-1 lead from the away leg of their Uefa Cup second-round tie against the three-times European champions, but while Norwich were forcing a fortuitous goalless draw against Arsenal on Saturday, their opponents were putting on their best performance of the season, beating Kaiserslautern 4-0 in Munich's Olympic Stadium, and the threat they pose at Carrow Road tomorrow cannot be underestimated.

The victory established Bayern as the Bundesliga's leading scorers and moved them into second place behind Eintracht Frankfurt. Matthäus created Bayern's opening goal, scored the last from a penalty, and saw Adolfo Valencia, their Colombian striker, score twice in between.

Even so, history is against Bayern overturning the deficit against Norwich. Bundesliga teams have won only three of 42 European ties staged in England.

Arsenal, who take a 3-0 lead to Belgium for the second leg of their Cup-Winners' Cup second-round tie, are afraid that the decision by Standard Liège to sell tickets on the gate tomorrow night could lead to crowd disturbances.

Hundreds of Arsenal supporters are believed to have ignored advice not to travel without tickets, and Ken Friar, the Arsenal managing director, said: "We have tried to comply with every regulation laid down by both our own FA and Uefa over the selling of tickets. But if Standard decide to ignore our plea about not selling tickets on the day, there is no more we can do than to advise our fans not to buy them."

Oldham Athletic, the FA Carling Premiership club, are hoping to complete the signing of Tore Pedersen, the Norway defender, for £500,000 later this week. Pedersen, 23, has won 30 caps and played in both World Cup qualifying matches against England.

The FA yesterday named the seven grounds which will stage matches during the 1996 European championship finals. They are Wembley, Anfield, Villa Park, Old Trafford, Hillsborough, Elland Road, St James' Park in Newcastle and the City Ground, Nottingham. Concern over Nottingham Forest's planned capacity of 31,000 has led the FA to put Highbury on stand-by.

John Hendrie, the Middlesbrough striker, has been fined £500 by an FA disciplinary committee after being reported by a linesman for remarks made during their Endsleigh Insurance League first division game against Southend United at Roots Hall in September.

Oxford United have signed John Byrne, the Millwall striker, for an undisclosed fee. David Mitchell, the Millwall striker who came on as a substitute for Australia in their World Cup play-off game against Argentina in Syndey on Sunday, has said he does not wish to be considered for the second leg in Buenos Aires on November 17. Mitchell said he was "bitterly disappointed" at not being brought on earlier.

Eddie Thomson, the Australia manager, said he would ask Fifa to suspend Mitchell if he failed to travel to Argentina with the team.

Gullit's magic, page 46

"In BAITING a mouse-trap with cheese, *always* leave room for the mouse."

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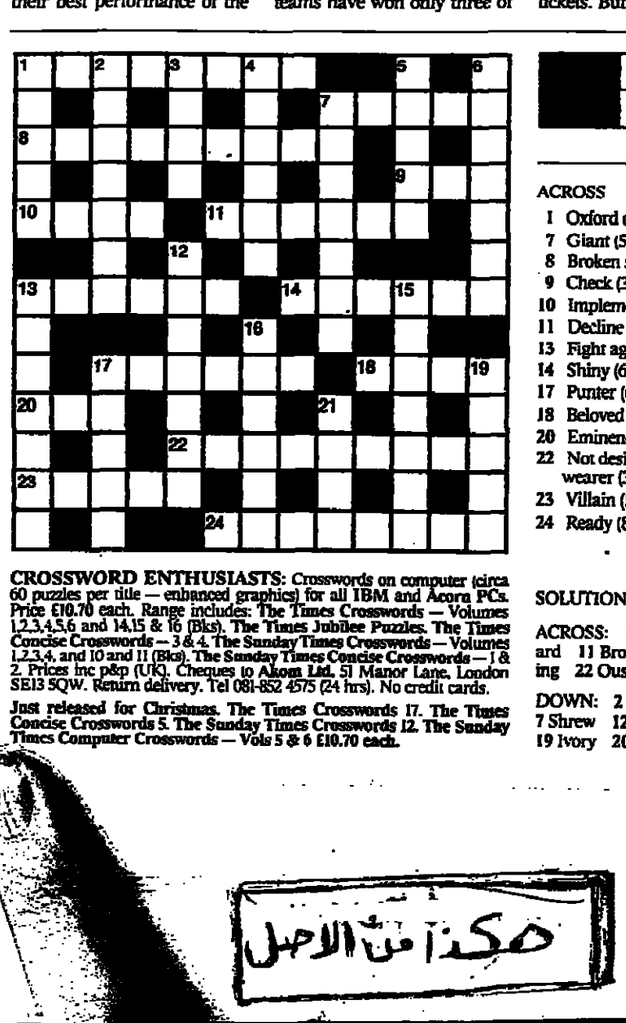
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NO 2

ACROSS

1 Oxford college (3,5)
7 Giant (5)
8 Broken stone (9)
9 Check (3)
10 Implement (4)
11 Decline (6)
13 Fight against (6)
14 Shiny (6)
17 Punter (6)
18 Beloved (4)
20 Eminence (3)
22 Not designed specially for wearer (3,3,3)
23 Villain (5)
24 Ready (8)

DOWN

1 Sailors' "halt" (5)
2 Space to stretch (3-4)
3 Start to read (4)
4 Editorial (6)
5 Section of barrel (5)
6 Body composition (7)
7 Spirit of Mexico (7)
12 Amusing person (7)
13 Finish knitting (4,3)
15 Overnight rail compartment (7)
16 Midshipman (6)
17 Flat-fish (5)
19 Fixed (5)
21 Computer component (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 1

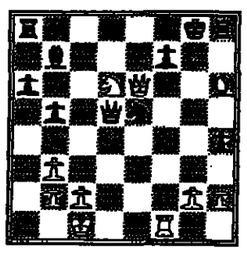
ACROSS: 1 Litmus 5 Priest 8 Pair 9 Cleavers 10 Richard 11 Brown 13 Saintliness 16 Spite 18 Antigen 21 Spouting 22 Oust 23 Arrest 24 Trying

DOWN: 2 Italics 3 March 4 Security 5 Pied 6 Inverse 7 Shrew 12 Midnight 14 Intrude 15 Stepson 17 Piper 19 Ivory 20 Pict

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is a variation from the game Short - Kasparov, Times World Championship, game 8. If White was content to draw this game (which Short was not) he could do so here with a beautiful queen sacrifice. Can you see how?



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Raymond Keene, page 10

WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

TARSORRHAPHY
a. A method of glass making
b. The art of foot massage
c. Stitching eyelids together

TAPINOSIS
a. The use of degrading diction
b. Inability to digest starch
c. Psychological aversion to losing

UNDERGROPE
a. To conceive or understand
b. Handle for lifting masonry
c. Decreasing one's credibility

INTERBASTATION
a. Rejection of nuclear family
b. A stage in making pastry
c. Quilting

Answers on page 46